UK ORCID consortium membership

2022-2024 Pricing FAQ

Background

Jisc and ORCID both share a mission to support the wider digital infrastructure needed for researchers to share research on a global scale. The Jisc UK ORCID consortium provides tailored support and improved services so that you can more quickly gain the benefits and efficiencies of ORCID implementation.

As a member of the consortium, we would like to let you know about your membership and the Jisc ORCID consortium membership fees.

Member benefits

As well as access to the premium API, by implementing ORCID as a member of the UK consortium you can benefit from:

- Support tailored to UK institutions, including locally hosted events and webinars and a dedicated support team with defined service levels

- Cost and time saved by using shared resources created by the consortium for member use

- Community of practice sharing resources and experiences among peers

- Synthesising common requirements to different stakeholders and exploring solutions

- Improved quality of integrations meeting ORCID's recommended practice by working directly with vendor communities

- Improved quality and effectiveness of communications and engagement

- The ability to influence the direction of ORCID as a group of implementors

- Actively participating in shaping the wider PID landscape

- National and international representation in standards and policy-making initiatives and activities

Recognition of ORCID IDs

In 2020 we celebrated the 5th anniversary of the Jisc ORCID consortium. Please **read** about the journey and how the consortium has influenced improvements in the technical landscape to allow institutions to benefit more from their consortium membership. The policy landscape has also evolved in support of ORCID iDs which have become the **DeFacto standard** as part of the infrastructure to support research and research management. Of course, ORCID is just one in a number of key PIDs and Jisc, working with the community is leading on an initiative in the UK to further evolve the wider **PID landscape**.

Changes to membership fees

This new pricing structure will support current and planned technical and community activities provided by Jisc.

1. **What are the new membership fees?**

   The new prices are based on Jisc Collections bandings and are priced in UK pounds. The full price list for the licence period 2022-24 is:

Band (2019)	2022-2024 Jisc ORCID consortium price^	Savings over going direct to ORCID *
Band 1	£9,193	40%
Band 2	£7,223	53%
Band 3	£6,566	57%
Band 4	£5,253	66%
Band 5A	£3,940	74%
Band 5B	£3,283	79%
Band 6	£2,627	57%
Band 7	£1,970	68%
Band 8	£1,313	79%
Band 9	£850	86%
Band 10	£328	95%

^Prices exclude and are subject to VAT. A transaction management charge, currently either £100 or £50 for invoices over and under £1000 respectively is also applicable.

* For premium membership. As at October 2020, ORCID's USD$200M pricing threshold broadly falls between Jisc Collection's Band 5B and Band 6. Due to changes in the income of institutions, exchange rate movements and periodic re-evaluation of the Bands the savings expressed above should be treated as indicative and subject to change.

2. **When does the new fee pricing happen?**

   The new contract and price will begin 01 January 2022.

3. **Do institutions need to do anything?**

   Jisc Collections will contact you at renewal time in August 2021 to sign up to the new 3-year licence (2022 to 2024).

4. **What were the considerations when we modelled the 2022-2024 pricing?**
    *   A discounted rate - Jisc ORCID membership is significantly cheaper than a direct agreement with ORCID for premium membership.
    *   As well as access to the premium API, this discounted rate includes a greater level of support tailored to UK members. Consortium membership provides more for less.
    *   Making the consortium accessible to all members across the Jisc banding levels
    *   We will absorb fluctuations in exchange rate by charging in GBP (pounds sterling) so institutions know what to expect to pay over the 3 years of the licence
    *   Currently we have 99 members, once we go over this figure Jisc will incur a higher licence fee. We have factored this scenario into the price modelling to allow us to maintain consortium sustainability into the future.
    *   We have considered the difficult financial situations faced by our members due to the continuing challenges presented by the pandemic, and Jisc has decided to hold prices at 2020 levels. Normally prices would be expected to change with increasing costs, however Jisc is absorbing these costs for the next licence period.

5. **What are the benefits to institutions? What value does this have?**
    A full list of the features of ORCID membership is **available here**. As well as having access to the premium API, with the support of the UK consortium, member institutions will be able to implement ORCID more effectively and efficiently by benefiting from:

    »   Cost and time saved by using shared resources created by the consortium for member use
    »   Improved quality of integrations meeting ORCID's recommended practice
    »   Improved quality and effectiveness of communications and engagement
    »   Support tailored to UK institutions
    »   The ability to influence the direction of ORCID

6. **What is the alternative? How does this compare to going directly to ORCID?**
    Institutions can choose to go directly to ORCID for either Basic or Premium membership.
    https://members.orcid.org/api/orcid-api-comparison. Note the basic membership has limitations on data usage and number of API keys. However, compared to Premium membership direct from ORCID, it is cheaper to get Premium membership via the Jisc UK ORCID consortium (which includes additional and localised technical and community support). By joining the Jisc UK ORCID consortium, institutions will get more for less. Note that the Jisc consortium only offers premium membership. Savings comparison is available in the above table.

7. **What happens if the needed funds are not raised?**

Jisc cannot provide the same level of support without sufficient funding and so it would not be viable for us to continue to lead the consortium. Members would therefore have to go directly to ORCID, pay increased costs and lose additional, localised support.

8. **Can we get a breakdown of what the costs are going towards (i.e. how much on support / ORCID membership fee)?**
Through the fees Jisc has to cover the 3-year ORCID consortium licence which is priced in US dollars:

Tier	2022	2023	2024
30 - 99 members	USD 151.944	USD 156.502	USD 161,197
100 - 250 members	USD 225.102	USD 231.855	USD 238,810

We also have to cover a minimum of 2FTE for the technical support and community engagement. ORCID SLAs requires all consortia to have 1FTE per 33 institutions. We currently have 99 institutions. The updated subscription model builds in sustainability for growth and going above 99 institutions, to ensure we are able to cover the higher licence and other costs.

9. **Why isn't this cost being included in the main Jisc subscription?**
The number of services we can include in the main subscription is limited by core funding constraints. If we are to add additional services to the main subscription, the main subscription would need to be re-evaluated.