



RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE

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## Research Data Alliance Organisational Membership

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### **About the Research Data Alliance**

***Established in 2013, the RDA is a global, consensus-based, community-driven organisation of over 12,300 individuals, 71 organisational members and over 35 regional networks from 145 countries, whose mission is to provide a platform to drive innovation surrounding data sharing and interoperability. The RDA enables data to be shared and re-used across geographical, technological and disciplinary boundaries, through outputs developed by groups and volunteer experts from around the world, and drawn from academia, the private sector and government.***

### **Join the RDA Organisational family**

Organisational Members provide an organisational perspective of the RDA, influence its direction, and assist in the implementation and adoption of the RDA's fully open Recommendations and Outputs. For global organisations, the RDA is a vehicle to help incorporate data sharing and reuse solutions, best practices, and standards.

### **RDA Organisational Member Benefits**

- Attending Organisational Assembly meetings and electing the Organisational Advisory Board and its co-Chairs
- Exclusive visibility and speaking opportunities at RDA bi-annual plenary meetings (both Birds of a Feather (BoF) sessions and panel discussions)
- Receiving regular updates on the work of the RDA, including special presentations on outputs and adoption of RDA outputs during monthly meetings
- Providing advice to the RDA Council through the Organisational Advisory Board
- Being recognised on the RDA website and at RDA Meetings as a supporter of global data sharing and interoperability
- Influencing the RDA work and directions on data sharing and interoperability in their sectors, markets and geographies
- Communicating open job positions in your organisation to the entire RDA community (Exclusive to Organisational Members - [Use this form](#))
- Early-bird reduced RDA Plenary registration fee for all Organisational Members extended through to the start of the Plenary (Exclusive to Organisational Members)
- Having the opportunity to act as early adopters of RDA Recommendations and other outputs
- Exchanging news, strategies and policies across organisations and geographical jurisdictions.

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## How do organisations interact within the RDA?

**Organisational Members** are the adopters and drivers of the RDA, providing organisational insight and vision to the community. The RDA has 59 Organisational Members and 12 Affiliate members. The complete list is available on the [website](#). All organisations that become RDA Organisational or Affiliate Members, join the Organisational Assembly (OA) which meets monthly by teleconference.

The **RDA Organisational Advisory Board (OAB)**, a sub-committee of the OA, represents Organisational and Affiliate Members within the governance structure of the RDA.

### Organisational Members include:

- ✓ Corporations/Enterprises
- ✓ Universities
- ✓ Research and development agencies
- ✓ Non-profit foundations and/or community organizations
- ✓ Professional societies / associations
- ✓ Libraries
- ✓ Consultancy firms
- ✓ Funders
- ✓ Other types of organisations not listed above that have an interest in furthering the goal of the RDA and intend to adopt RDA's infrastructure solutions.

## How does my organisation join and how much does it cost?

Complete the [application forms](#) on the RDA web site. Organisations can apply via the Membership Application form (default) or the Subscription one (for Libraries or other organisations for which it is easier to pay subscriptions). Fees are annual and are pro-rated for the quarter in which they sign the organisational membership agreement (i.e. submit the on-line application form).

| No. employees (FTE) | HIC NFP  | HIC FP   | LMIC NFP | LMIC FP |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| < 50                | \$1,250  | \$2,000  | \$250    | \$400   |
| 51-150              | \$2,500  | \$4,000  | \$500    | \$800   |
| 151-250             | \$5,000  | \$8,000  | \$1,000  | \$1,600 |
| > 250               | \$12,500 | \$20,000 | \$2,500  | \$4,000 |

\*FTE – Full Time Employees

HIC – High & Upper Middle income Countries | LMIC – Low and Lower Middle Income Countries – as defined by [World Bank](#)

FP - For profit | NFP Not for-profit

For further information visit the OA-OAB page (public) or contact enquiries[at]rd-alliance.org

### Research Data Alliance Guiding Principles:

- Openness
- Community-driven
- Inclusivity
- Consensus-based
- Harmonisation
- Not-for-profit & technology neutral

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