

# ARC Persistent Identifier (PID) Action Plan 2026 Update

## Update on 2025 Actions

| Action/s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Status/Timeline                                                           |
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| <b>Goal 1: ARC grants have a Digital Object Identifier (DOI)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                           |
| ARC to sign MOU with Australian Research Data Commons to mint DOIs.<br><br>DOIs will be minted by the ARC as part of the new National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) (not retrospectively).<br><br>No action will need to be taken by Administering Organisations or applicants. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ARC has developed work flows and agreements in preparation to commence minting grant DOIs</li> <li>The ARC's 2026 Open Access Policy update confirms that the ARC will mint a grant DOI for successful projects for all NCGP schemes that open after 1 July 2026.</li> <li>The ARC's 2026 Open Access Policy update requires grant DOI to be used when acknowledging fund in research outputs for all NCGP schemes that open after 1 July 2026.</li> </ul>                                                                                 | Project complete for implementation in 2027                               |
| <b>Goal 2: All Administering Organisations applying for an ARC grant have a Research Organisation Registry (ROR) identifier</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                           |
| ARC will inform Administering Organisations that the ARC will now be recording their ROR in RMS and in the metadata for grant DOIs.<br><br>No action will need to be taken by Administering Organisations.                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ARC has recorded all eligible organisations ROR in RMS.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Project complete                                                          |
| <b>Goal 3: All named personnel have an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) and supply it during the establishment phase of ARC awarded grants</b>                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                           |
| The ARC will request named personnel supply their ORCID when establishing their successful ARC grant.                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ARC will require ORCID's to be supplied for named personnel on successful NGCPs grants that open after 1 July 2026</li> <li>The provision of the ORCID will be conducted via RMS at the award of the grant.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Project complete for final implementation in 2027                         |
| <b>Goal 4: ARC's Research Management System (RMS) ORCID integration 'writes' back to ORCID</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                           |
| The ARC will require that named personnel provide the ARC with both 'read' and 'write' permissions for their ORCID.                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow the ARC to write successful ARC-funded grant DOIs to CIs' ORCID profiles without any burden on the sector,</li> <li>All grant DOIs provided to ORCID by the ARC will include a certification that the ARC has approved the information,</li> <li>Allow the ARC to consider additional information that could be pushed to ORCID profiles in the future, such as research outputs provided through post award project reporting.</li> </ul>                                                                                               | Project underway for completion in 2027                                   |
| <b>Goal 5: ARC has a FAIR Data Policy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                           |
| The ARC will publish a FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) Data Policy.                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ARC has completed an initial draft of a FAIR policy for NCGP funded projects and are seeking expert advice from key stakeholders in the sector.</li> <li>Noting current sector practice and limitations, the first version of the policy will focus on 'Findable and Accessible' with future updates to the policy expected to include additional measures that address 'Interoperable and Reusable'</li> <li>The final draft will be provided to the sector for feedback in late 2026 ahead of planned implementation in 2027.</li> </ul> | Project underway, expected completion in 2026 with implementation in 2027 |

## 2026 New Actions

| Action/s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Timeline                                                                                 |
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| <b>Goal 6: All named personnel have an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) and supply it at application</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| The ARC will request named personnel supply their ORCID when applying for ARC grants.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is a continuation of Action 3 and continues the ARC's contribution to the uptake of ORCID in the Australian research sector.</li> <li>Further increases the number of profiles the ARC can access as a trusted organisation.</li> <li>Will increase the ARC's understanding the research workforce outside of NCGP grant funding.</li> </ul>                                                                                     | Project underway implementation expected from the commencement of Explore scheme in 2027 |
| <b>Goal 7: ARC will encourage Administering Organisations to utilise Research Activity Identifier's (RAiDs) for ARC funded projects</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| ARC will encourage Administering Organisations to mint a RAiD for ARC funded projects and will request that, if they are available, they be provided to the ARC.                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RAiDs are a PID specifically for research projects. The use of RAiDs for NCGP projects will increase the ARC's ability to track funding and projects across institutions and map the impact of funding over time.</li> <li>Encouraging RAiDs will also contribute to the adoption of RAiDs for projects in the Australian Research sector, improving the quality of metadata, reducing re-keying of project data and burden.</li> </ul>      | Project underway for completion in 2027                                                  |
| <b>Goal 8: All ARC policy documents have an Identifier (DOI) and use DOI's in citations where appropriate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| The ARC will mint a DOI for all public facing policy documents and will include the DOI for output cited in public facing policy documents both intext and in the metadata for the policy document's DOI                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will increase the metadata available about ARC public policies and enhance transparency of ARC policy documents.</li> <li>It will allow the ARC to better map the effectiveness and use of ARC policies by the Australian research sector.</li> <li>This will enable researchers and research bodies to track citations in policy, openly contributing to enhanced understanding of research impact into policy development.</li> </ul> | Implemented into ARC workflows.                                                          |
| <b>Goal 9: DOIs are used to data match outputs provided in NCGP project final reports to open and other datasets</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| The ARC will use output DOI's supplied in project final reports to facilitate data matching of NCGP outputs with open and other datasets.                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matching NCGP outputs by DOI with open and other datasets will allow better data driven insights into the impact and use of ARC funded research over time.</li> <li>It will also enable the ARC to enhance and explore potentially automatic compliance check of NCGP project outputs with ARC policy and funding requirements.</li> </ul>                                                                                                   | Project underway for completion in 2027                                                  |
| <b>Goal 10: ARC to facilitate acknowledgement of the service of ARC's College of Experts in ORCID</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| The ARC will facilitate 'write back' acknowledgement of the service of members of the ARC's College of Experts in ORCID in recognition of the time and service commitment to the ARC. College of Expert members will have control over if this information is made public on their ORCID profiles. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will enhance the ARC's public recognition of the import contribution and service made by members of the ARC's College of Experts</li> <li>It will also provide clear trust markers and active timeframes certified by the ARC improving trust and transparency</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                               | Project scheduled for completion in 2027                                                 |