OSF INSTITUTIONS

OSF Institutions increases rigor and transparency across the research lifecycle by revealing researcher activity, institutional affiliations, and trends to enable more effective compliance and reporting.

Lack of transparency and interoperability in today's research culture slows the pace of discovery and obscures institutional reliability and investment

Researchers often lack infrastructure and oversight to comply with the growing open and transparent policy requirements from global research funders and policy makers.

Researchers manage data and projects across a disjointed landscape of tools and platforms, resulting in data silos, security concerns, lack of collaborative accessibility, and increased costs for institutional support.

Billions of dollars are invested into research each year, but much of that goes to waste due to the lack of transparent and rigorous practices that make replication possible.

OSF Institutions is a suite of researcher and administrative features built on the OSF infrastructure to enhance transparency and increase the visibility of research outputs, accelerating discovery and reuse. Focus on generating and sharing research, and let OSF Institutions handle the infrastructure.

An open workflow for researchers

The OSF infrastructure facilitates culture change by enabling rigor and transparency in each step of the research lifecycle. The cloud-based research management system improves collaboration among teams of all sizes — from author cohorts to global data gathering efforts — and includes features that support project planning, data management, sharing, and analysis.

PLANNING
Explore existing research.
Preregister analysis plan.
Structure your project or experiment.

DISCOVERY
Share work.
Improve discovery.
Aggregate findings.

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CONDUCTING
Open data management, collaboration, storage integration

REPORTING
Open data, materials, code.
Open access publishing.

OSF Institutions membership enables more dynamic OSF access for your researchers while affiliating and aggregating their data management and sharing resources for increased discoverability and attribution.

REVEAL ROI | The OSF Institutions Administrative Dashboard provides unique insights into the open, rigorous practices of your community through user information aggregation, department affiliations and activity, and daily metrics updates. Discover exceptional open science practitioners and identify clusters of activity across your community.

STREAMLINE TOOLS AND SERVICES | OSF integrates with the diversity of tools that research institutions rely on: storage providers, study registries, and other services researchers use into a single workflow. This increases efficiency, accessibility, usability, and reproducibility. It also reduces costs of maintaining multiple tools and services. OSF Institutions members can also elect to integrate their repositories or other tools with OSF to further optimize workflows.

FACILITATE RIGOR | OSF, a cloud-based, collaborative management service, ensures researchers will never lose their own work. Researchers deposit research data, materials, and documentation into private project spaces for their teams. They control who has access to what and when, and can decide whether to make some or all of the content publicly accessible.

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