Joining the PRC Alliance

Help us transform scholarly publishing

The PRC Alliance is a group of like-minded organisations and individuals working together to accelerate the adoption of the **Publish, Review, Curate (PRC)** model of scholarly publishing. The Alliance was officially launched in October 2026.

Why an Alliance?

There are a growing number of diverse and innovative PRC initiatives across the scholarly publishing landscape, which tend to be highly distributed and grassroots-led.

The PRC Alliance strengthens coordination across these initiatives, enhances their visibility, and provides a common voice to effectively advocate for the PRC model with different stakeholders.

The objectives of the Alliance are to

01
Raise the visibility and status of the PRC model

02
Facilitate greater coordination across the diverse PRC community

03
Explore ways in which like-minded organisations can work together to collaboratively support innovative PRC pilots

What is Publish, Review, Curate?

Publish, Review, Curate (PRC) is a scholarly publishing model in which research outputs are first published prior to any subsequent open review and/or curation.

The model consists of three steps.

Publish
A research output (e.g., article, dataset, study registration) is made public, typically in an open access repository or preprint server by a researcher.

Review
Reviewers evaluate the research output and provide feedback in an open, transparent way.

Curate
Research outputs and reviews are organised and presented, often with summary judgements or evaluations applied to them.

The PRC Alliance is a joint initiative of COAR and ASAPbio

Membership

Membership is open to two types of organisations: **"PRC Implementers"** and **"PRC Supporters"**.

PRC IMPLEMENTERS

Organisations such as repositories, preprint servers, peer review services, journals, publishers, and curation services.

To join the Alliance, implementers must:

- provide information about the workflows, services, or infrastructures through which they implement PRC practices; and
- describe how their practices align with the **PRC Alliance Principles**.

PRC SUPPORTERS

Organisations such as research institutions, libraries, and funders.

To join the Alliance, supporters must:

- provide information about the institutional policies, funding mechanisms, assessment practices or other types of activities through which they support PRC practices that are in alignment with the **PRC Alliance Principles**.

Governance

The PRC Alliance has a two-tier structure consisting of a **Members Group** and an **Executive Steering Group**. It is hosted by COAR (Confederation of Open Access Repositories) and, for the near future, will not become its own legal entity.

Funding model

In the first year of operation, the PRC Alliance will be supported by COAR using funds provided by **Arcadia** for the COAR Notify Project. During this first year, the members will work together to determine an appropriate funding model to support the PRC Alliance in future years.

Why become a member?

Becoming a member of the PRC Alliance means that you will join a group of like-minded organisations that are working together to accelerate the adoption of the PRC model of scholarly publishing.

The PRC Alliance also provides a mechanism for sharing leading edge practices, developing common standards and approaches to PRC, and working with others to address common challenges faced by PRC implementers.

How to join?

If you'd like to learn more about our plans or are considering joining the Alliance, please visit our website and fill in the membership form, or contact Robert Kiley, PRC Alliance Coordinator.

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