

Curation Board Documentation

The OpenOrgs Curation Board: The process of joining the OpenOrgs community as a data curator

OpenOrgs data curator is an individual responsible for the management, curation, and maintenance of metadata, ensuring its accuracy, completeness, and reliability. Curators are expected to have expertise in research organisations within their chosen country, a deep understanding of the local research landscape, and knowledge of major research institutions and universities. Additionally, they should be aware of the research structure and organisation in their country and be familiar with national or regional research information systems. Besides these specialised skills, curators should possess attention to detail, strong data management skills, analytical abilities, technical proficiency, and problem-solving skills.

The first step to becoming a data curator with OpenOrgs is to express interest by completing our brief [online form](#). This form provides an opportunity for applicants to introduce themselves, share their research background and motivations for contributing, and request guidance on effectively using the OpenOrgs service.

Upon submitting their expression of interest, the Curation Board will guide the applicant through the onboarding process. This includes a one-on-one 15–20 minute meeting with a member of the Curation Board. This meeting is the applicant's chance to discuss their role as a data curator in more detail and ask any questions they may have.

The applicant will also be provided with comprehensive training on using the OpenOrgs platform effectively. This training may encompass a variety of formats, including documents, videos, or a live session. Finally, to solidify their participation as a valued member of the OpenOrgs data curator community, the applicant will be asked to sign a Volunteer Statement outlining their rights and responsibilities.



Upon acceptance by both parties, the applicant is assigned the role of the metadata curator, with the proper access rights to OpenOrgs service. Frequent dedicated community calls of the OpenOrgs curators will be held to enhance the knowledge exchange and experiences, challenges faced by curators.