ResearchNow Overview

ResearchNow (RN) is the Flinders University research information management system accessible through the Okta dashboard. It is a shared digital space for managing and reporting on Flinders research.

The benefits of a ResearchNow account include:

Create and maintain a research profile that showcases their research activity within the university, as well as externally via the Research @ Flinders public portal.

Easily download and share lists of research activities and research outputs.

Keep the ORCiD profile up to date by exporting research outputs from ResearchNow to ORCiD.

Simple process of applying for funding with institutions that use ORCiD data.

Find new collaborators by using searchable features in the Research @ Flinders public portal.

Data in ResearchNow is used for internal and external reporting, promotion rounds, supervisor register eligibility and ERA.

The following is a brief overview of the modules (‘tiles’) available in ResearchNow:

| Profiles          | A ResearchNow Profile is a professionally presented online page that is accessible via the Research @ Flinders public portal. It allows a researcher to display their research related activities and be easily discovered by internal and external collaborators. The profile is customisable by a researcher and can include their biography, areas of expertise and interests. The researcher Profile page is linked to their Flinders staff directory profile page via the Research tab.
|                   | Adding Scopus ID and ORCiD ID to the researcher profile saves the time and reduces the risk of errors by enabling an automatic harvesting of research outputs and a correct attribution of the researcher contributions.
|                   | More information on Profiles can be found by selecting the Researcher profiles tile on the ResearchNow page. For support with a Profile please contact College Research Support staff. |
| Applications      | A ResearchNow Application is a process initiated by a researcher to seek an approval from the College Dean of Research to apply for a research related funding or grant. An Application must be lodged for all internal and external competitive grant applications, contract research, tenders and fellowships. The application process in ResearchNow is used only for research projects.
|                   | More information on Applications can be found by selecting the Applications and awards tile on the ResearchNow page. For support with an application please contact College Research Support staff. |
| Awards           | A ResearchNow Award is a record created on behalf of the researcher after the ResearchNow application has been approved. A researcher is responsible for advising the College Research Support staff of the outcome of the application. Awards in ResearchNow relate to funding of research and not to recognition and prizes for a researcher (see Prizes). Award records are not editable by a researcher.
|                   | More information on Awards can be found by selecting the Applications and awards tile on the ResearchNow page. For support with an award please contact College Research Support staff. |
### Research Outputs

A *Research Output* is any output derived from research that is published or made publicly available. Research Outputs include traditional outputs such as books, chapters, journal articles and conference publications, as well as non-traditional outputs such as original creative works, live performances, public exhibitions and events and research reports.

Research outputs are entered into ResearchNow in the following ways:

- **Claim:** Flinders co-authored outputs that are already in ResearchNow.
- **Import from Scopus:** weekly harvest or manual search.
- **Manual entry:** if output is not captured by Scopus

The Library checks that each record is genuine and complete before validating it in ResearchNow. Once validated, research outputs are visible on the Research @ Flinders public portal.

For support with a research output please contact Library by using a [Research outputs query form](#) in ServiceOne.

### Activities

A *ResearchNow Activity* is used for recording esteem-related events and other academic and non-academic interactions related to research. Activities are visible on the Research @ Flinders public portal and can be used to build a portfolio of a researcher engagement and increase their visibility. Activities are not verified or approved before they appear on the public portal. An activity can be, but is not limited to Research Council panel membership, mentoring, conference attendance, media work such as radio/tv interviews, and peer-reviews.

For support with an Activity please contact [College Research Support](#) staff.

### Projects

A *ResearchNow Project* is a container or a ‘bundle’ that holds other related information usually pertaining to a research project. A project promotes a research activity and can incorporate multiple research content spanning over many years, involve many collaborators, grants, and a variety of funders. Once approved, projects appear on the Research @ Flinders public portal.

A Project can include, but is not limited to, applications, awards, research outputs, activities, prizes, and presentations.

For support with a Project please contact [College Research Support](#) staff.

### Impacts

A *ResearchNow Impact* captures outcomes or impacts of the research beyond academia. An impact record includes information related to the impact, the approach to facilitate the impact and the engagement with the research end-users. Evidence can be uploaded to create a story of how the research has made a social, economic, cultural and/or environmental impact.

Impacts are not displayed on the Research @ Flinders public portal.

An Impact can be, but is not limited to changes made to, education curriculum and/or student outcomes, health services or patient outcomes, public policy, legislation, regulations or guidelines, and commercialisation of a product.

For support with an Impact please contact [College Research Support](#) staff.

### Prizes

A *ResearchNow Prize* is a recognised achievement obtained as a result of a researcher activity. Prizes are visible on the Research @ Flinders public portal and showcase a researcher achievement at an individual, a team or a group level. **Prizes are not verified or approved before they appear on the public portal.**

For support with a Prize please contact [College Research Support](#) staff.

### Tell a story about your research

A *Discipline Assignment* is the ANZSRC classification that allows to identify content with similar research themes in ResearchNow. Discipline Assignment fields appear across multiple sections in ResearchNow, e.g. Person records, Research Output records.

A Discipline Assignment includes Field of Research (FoR), Type of Activity (ToA), Socio-Economic Objectives (SEO)

Furthermore, all records in ResearchNow can be related to each other to build up a research portfolio. The Relations section included in various content records provides details of how a given piece of content relates to other content. Content such as Activities, Applications, Awards, Prizes, Profiles, Research Outputs and Impacts can be linked together via the use of the Projects feature.