

DRI Membership Policy

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1. DRI Membership is renewed annually and follows the calendar year beginning January 1st and expiring on December 31st.
2. As part of DRI sustainability plan, DRI's business strategy is based on a reasonably costed membership model. Membership fees are outlined on the DRI website.
3. DRI is committed to serving a wide variety of institutions, organisations, and groups. Unfunded organisations may also apply to join DRI.
4. Terms and Conditions associated with paid membership are outlined in the DRI Member Application form.
5. DRI Membership benefits are outlined on the DRI website. These benefits include:
 - Involvement in DRI Members network and DRI development
 - DRI Training & Professional Development
 - Long Term Digital Preservation
 - Online Publication of Collections
 - Sharing of Collections
6. Eligibility for Membership is open to entities who are:
 - Research Performing Organisations
 - Institutions, organisations and digital archives who hold humanities and social science data.
7. Members are responsible for collection and object management in the DRI repository. In order to create and populate collections in DRI, representatives from a DRI member must be nominated by the member and authorised by DRI to become an Organisational Manager. The Organisational Manager is a user who has full access rights to particular collections and who has signed the Organisational Manager Agreement, as such they act on behalf of their particular organisation. An Organisational Manager has permission within the system to create collections and grant additional access to preferred users. A DRI member may have more than one Organisational Manager.
8. The Organisational Manager Agreement outlines the rights and responsibilities of both depositing members and DRI and should be read in conjunction with this policy.

Members must

- Ensure that the digital objects deposited meet the Repository documented standards (including but not limited to those pertaining to licensing, metadata and formats).

- Abide by the Organisational Manager Agreement, Deposit Agreement and all other DRI agreements and policies.

9. The benefits of membership (including on-going preservation) extend only for periods of active membership.

10. If DRI ceases as a live repository, content will be returned to the owner in the same (or enhanced) quality as it was received. Quality of content is defined as the level of data integrity and accessibility.

11. Membership is granted following submission of a DRI Application Form, which is subject to approval of DRI's Core Implementation Team (CIT).