



FAIR Policy: ARDC or ARDC co-invested Materials

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Related documents	FAIR Data Guidelines for Project Outputs Guideline: Exceptions on openness of partner materials
Definitions	<p>ARDC - Australian Research Data Commons Limited.</p> <p>Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth)).</p> <p>Material includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ReportsPublicationsVideosImagesDataSoftwareWorkflowsAlgorithms
Purpose	ARDC recognises that open and accessible inputs and outputs of research drive

	<p>research innovation, impact, and quality.</p> <p>Researchers and the broader community stand to benefit from the knowledge produced by publicly-funded activities. The ARDC is committed to maximising this benefit by ensuring that the outputs of the ARDC and ARDC co-invested project activities are disseminated as widely as possible and in a manner which enables maximum reuse by humans and machines.</p>
Policy statement	The ARDC requires the application of the FAIR principles to ARDC’s own materials and to outputs from co-invested projects unless there is a valid case why the principles cannot be applied, and this is accepted by ARDC.
Background	<p>Wilkinson, M., Dumontier, M., Aalbersberg, I. et al. (2016) The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship. <i>Sci Data</i> 3, 160018 Accessed from https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18</p>

Application of the policy

Guidelines for adhering to FAIR Principles	<p>The ARDC provides guidelines and workflows for staff within ARDC to provide clarity on how ARDC outputs can be made FAIR or valid cases for exception.</p> <p>The ARDC provides partners with guidelines to provide clarity on how they can ensure that project outputs are made FAIR or valid cases for exception.</p>
Relation to Intellectual Property of partners’ materials	<p>Partners in ARDC activities will often own IPR in materials produced or used in ARDC projects.</p> <p>Partners in ARDC activities will generally be required to provide ARDC with a licence and a right to sub-license the IPR in the Materials created.</p> <p>Specific arrangements related to IPR in Materials are prescribed in ARDC contracts with partners</p>