

The Open Science Framework at Oxford

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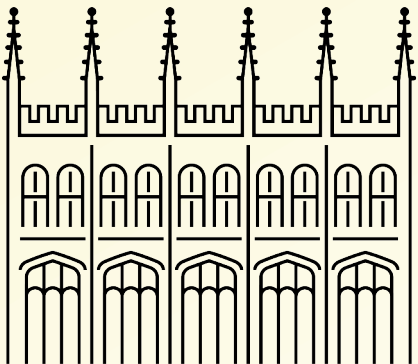


Introduction to OSF at Oxford

- Course prerequisites
- What is the Open Science Framework?

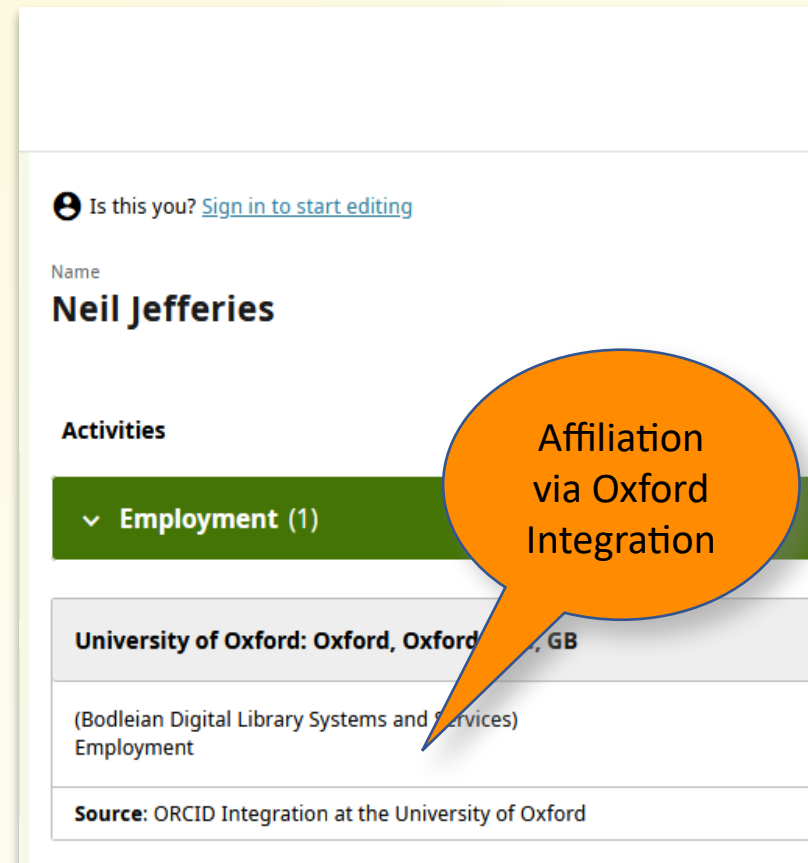
Hands on with the OSF

- Getting on to OSF at Oxford
- Pre-registrations
- Projects
- Making material available



Before we start...

- Familiar with the concepts in “Open Access Fundamentals” and “Open Access Logistics” iSkills courses
- ORCID linked to your Oxford SSO
- If not, go to register.it.ox.ac.uk/self/orcid
- More details at orcid.web.ox.ac.uk



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Neil Jefferies

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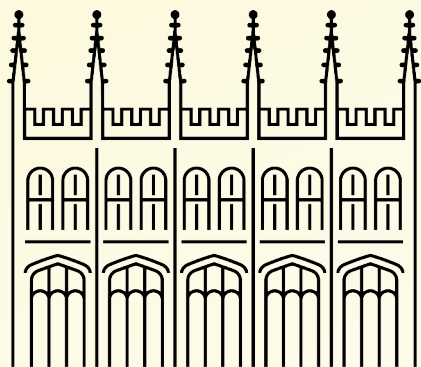
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University of Oxford: Oxford, Oxford, GB

(Bodleian Digital Library Systems and Services)
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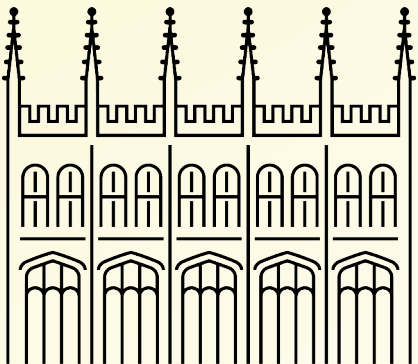
Source: ORCID Integration at the University of Oxford

Affiliation via Oxford Integration



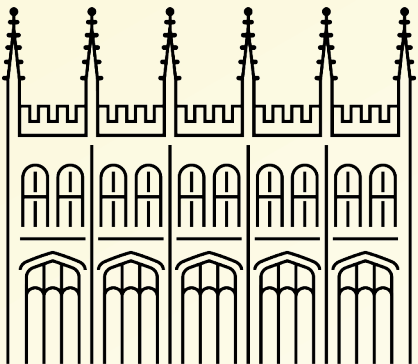
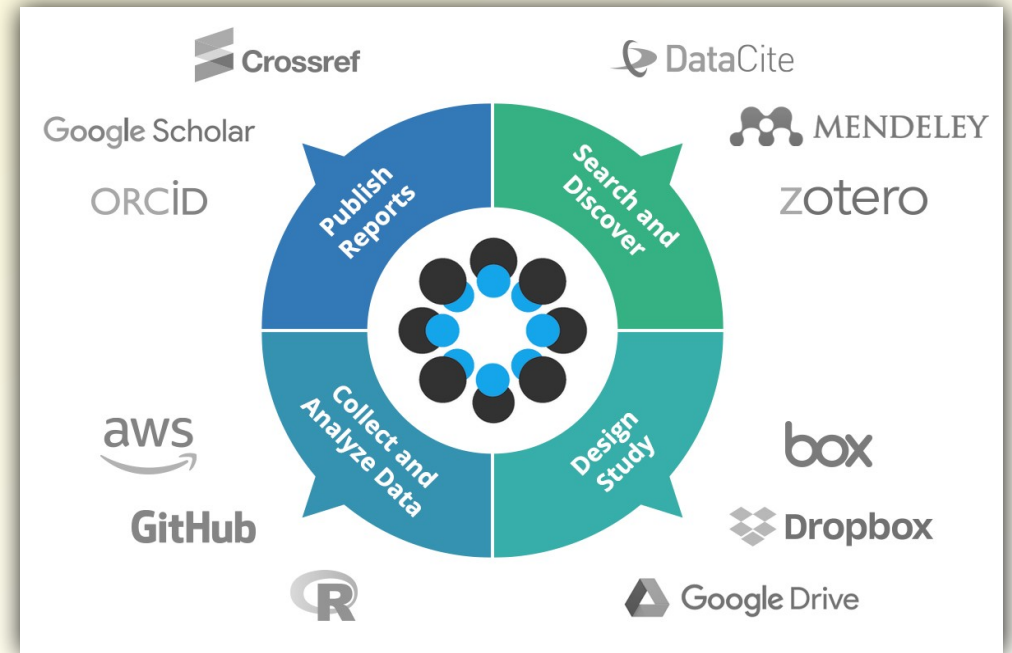
What is the Open Science Framework?

- A free, open-source research management platform to assist Open Scholarship
- Helps researchers openly and transparently share their work at **all** stages of the research lifecycle
 - But not compelled to make everything open
- Run by the Center for Open Science (**COS**), a not for profit based in the US



How does the OSF Work?

- Rather than re-inventing the wheel, OSF connects existing services into a research workflow
- Researchers can use any or none of these services
- OSF does have built-in workflow and storage capability
- The services shown are examples, many more exist

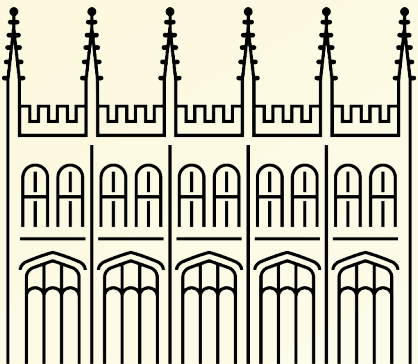


OSF at Oxford

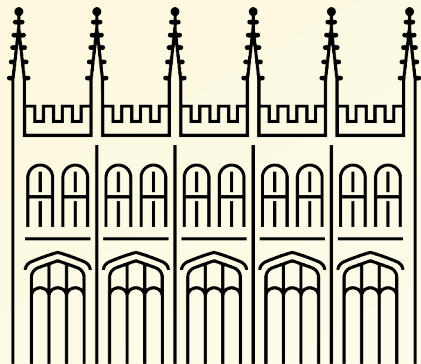
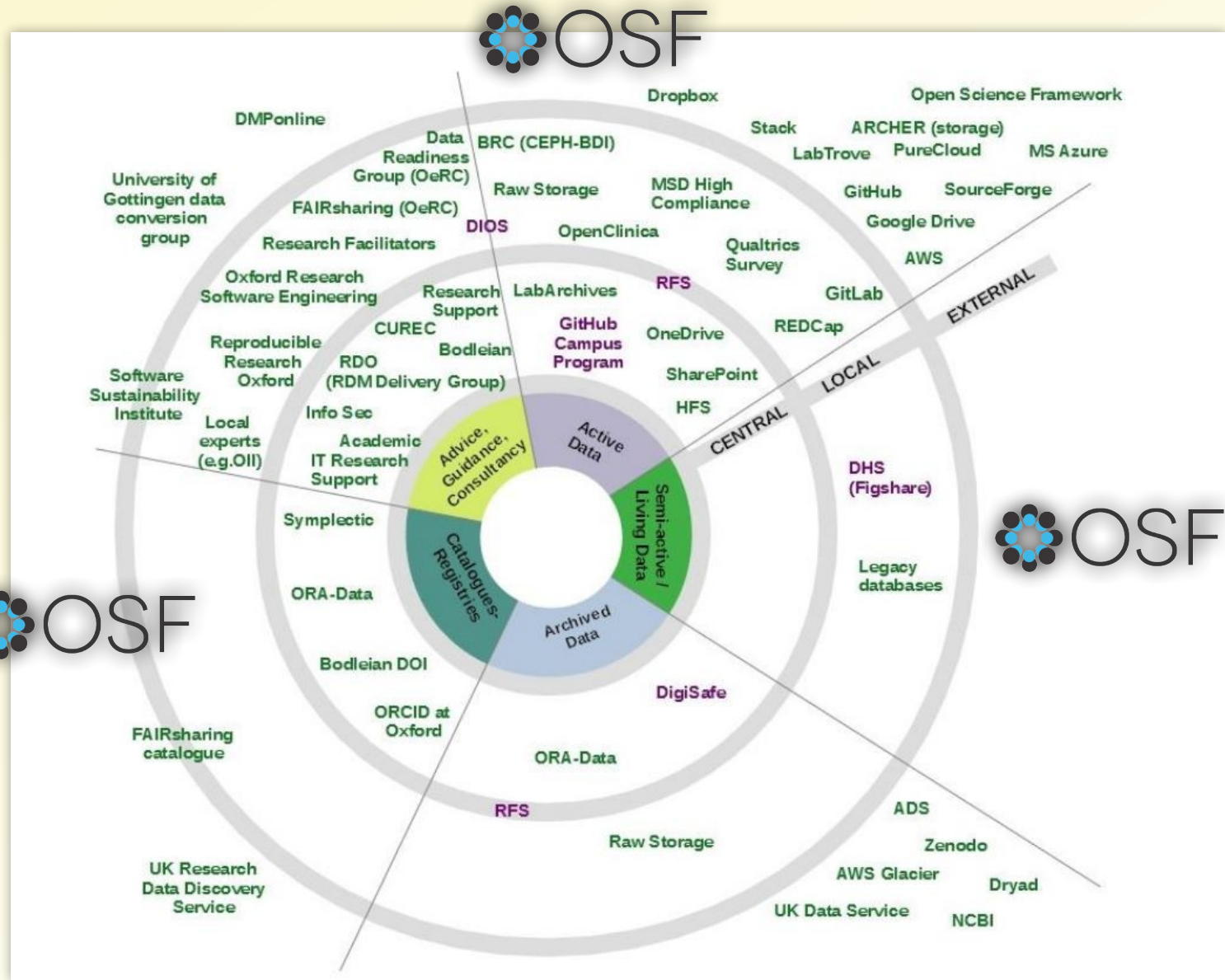
- 4 year pilot run by the Bodleian and funded by MSD as part of their support for Open and Equitable Publishing
- Launched June 2022
- Open to all Oxford researchers
- Integrated with Oxford SSO/ORCID
- Existing Oxford users can migrate to the Oxford Institutional instance (relatively) painlessly

Goals of the pilot

- Understand how Oxford researchers use OSF
- Examine how OSF could integrate with Oxford's RDM ecosystem (it does not do everything!)
- Support and help develop Open Scholarship tools and infrastructures (being a good corporate citizen)
- Identify support and training needs

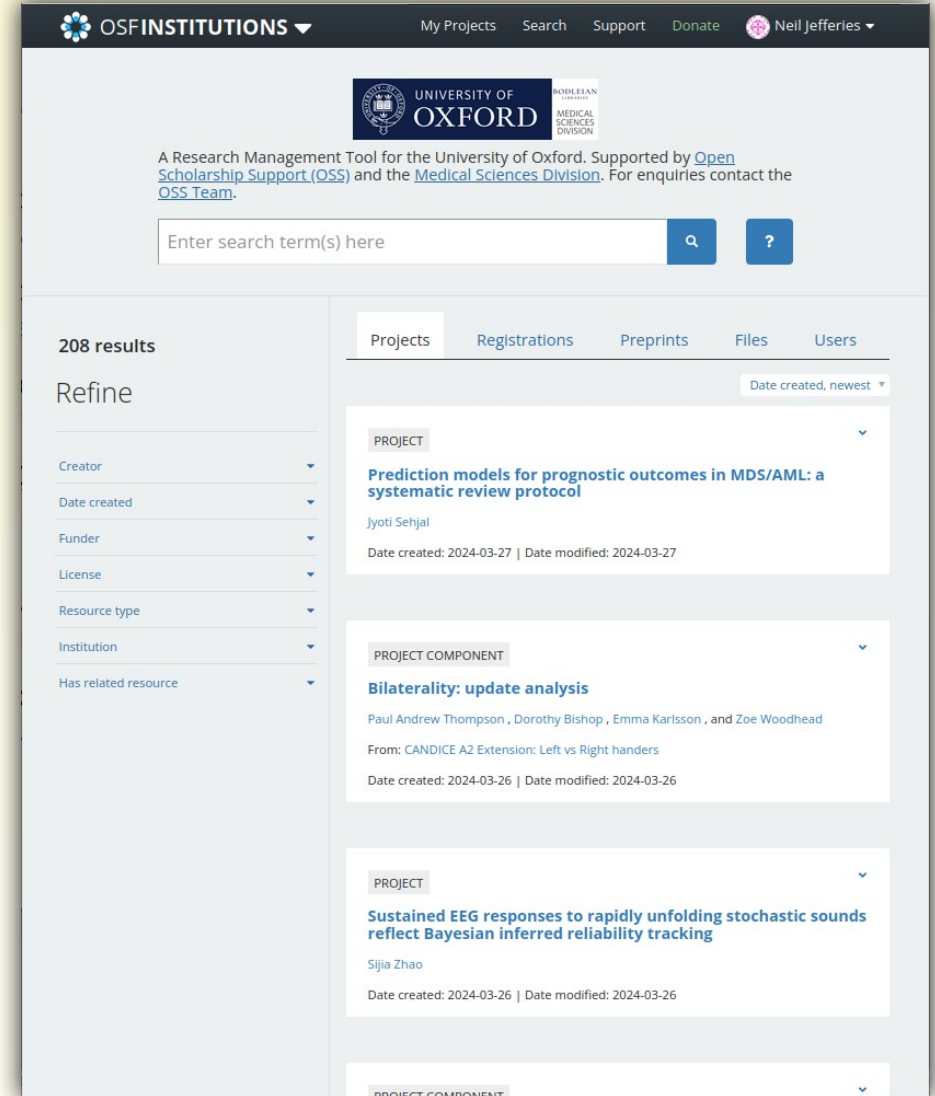


OSF and Oxford RDM

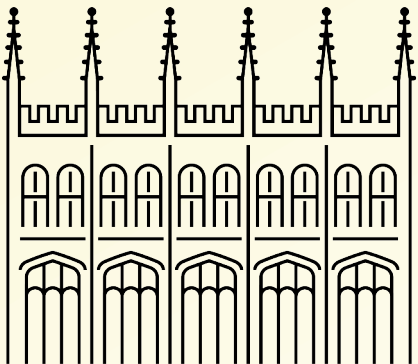


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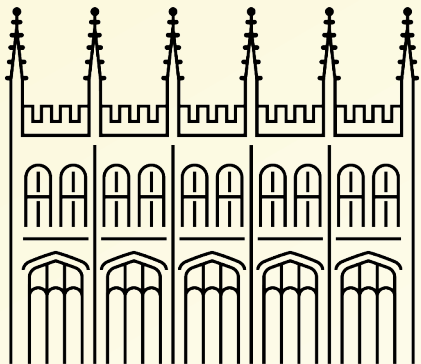
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- Research Data Oxford
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The screenshot displays the OSF Institutions website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the OSF logo, the text 'OSFINSTITUTIONS', and links for 'My Projects', 'Search', 'Support', 'Donate', and a user profile for 'Neil Jefferies'. Below this, the University of Oxford logo and the 'ROYLEAN MEDICAL SCIENCES DIVISION' logo are visible. A banner text reads: 'A Research Management Tool for the University of Oxford. Supported by Open Scholarship Support (OSS) and the Medical Sciences Division. For enquiries contact the OSS Team.' A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Enter search term(s) here' and search and help icons. The main content area shows '208 results' and a 'Refine' sidebar with filters for Creator, Date created, Funder, License, Resource type, Institution, and Has related resource. The search results are displayed in a list format with tabs for 'Projects', 'Registrations', 'Preprints', 'Files', and 'Users'. The first result is a 'PROJECT' titled 'Prediction models for prognostic outcomes in MDS/AML: a systematic review protocol' by Jyoti Sehjal, created on 2024-03-27. The second result is a 'PROJECT COMPONENT' titled 'Bilaterality: update analysis' by Paul Andrew Thompson, Dorothy Bishop, Emma Karlsson, and Zoe Woodhead, created on 2024-03-26. The third result is a 'PROJECT' titled 'Sustained EEG responses to rapidly unfolding stochastic sounds reflect Bayesian inferred reliability tracking' by Sijia Zhao, created on 2024-03-26.

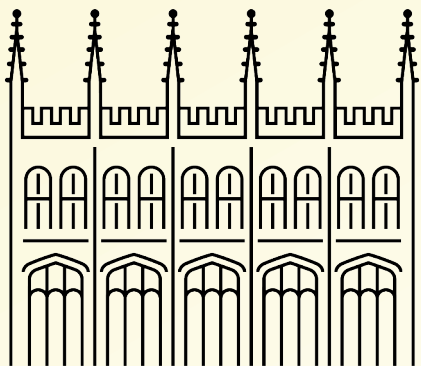
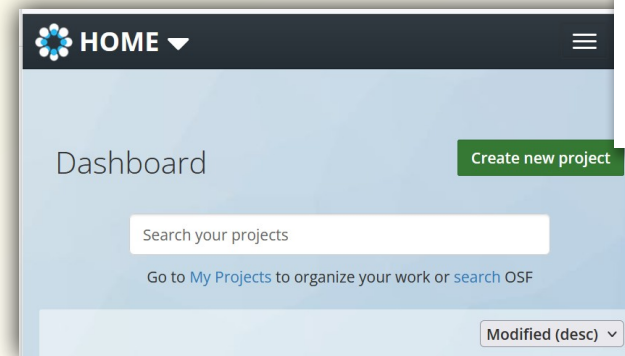
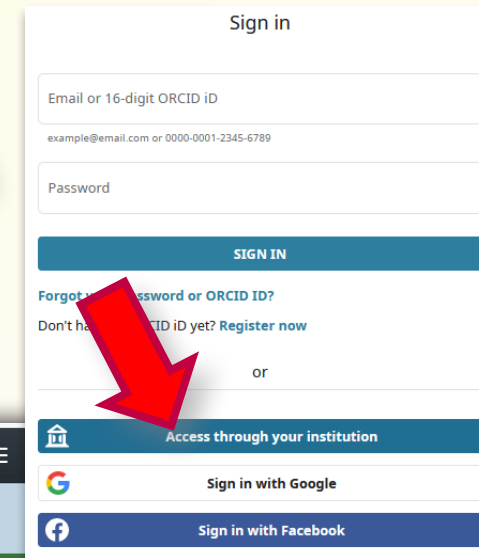
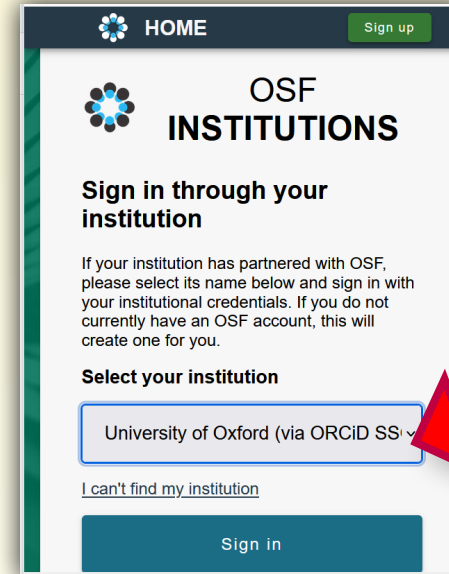
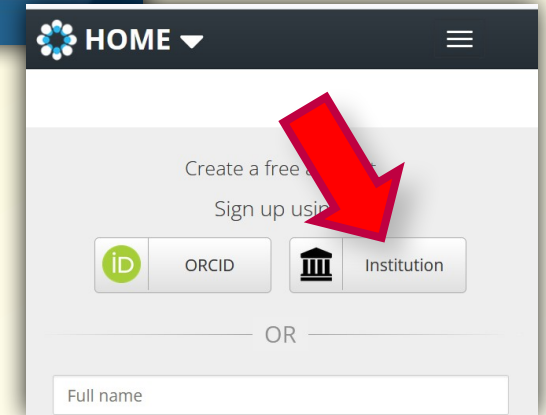
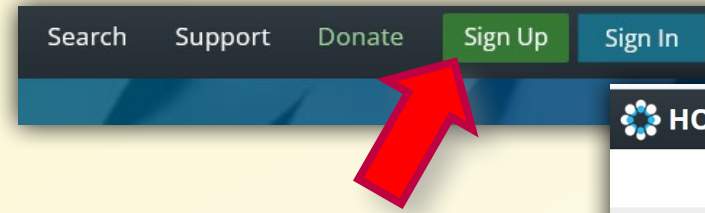


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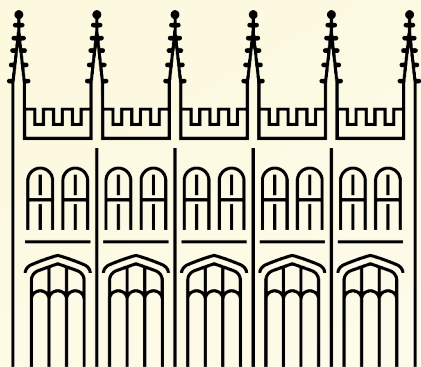
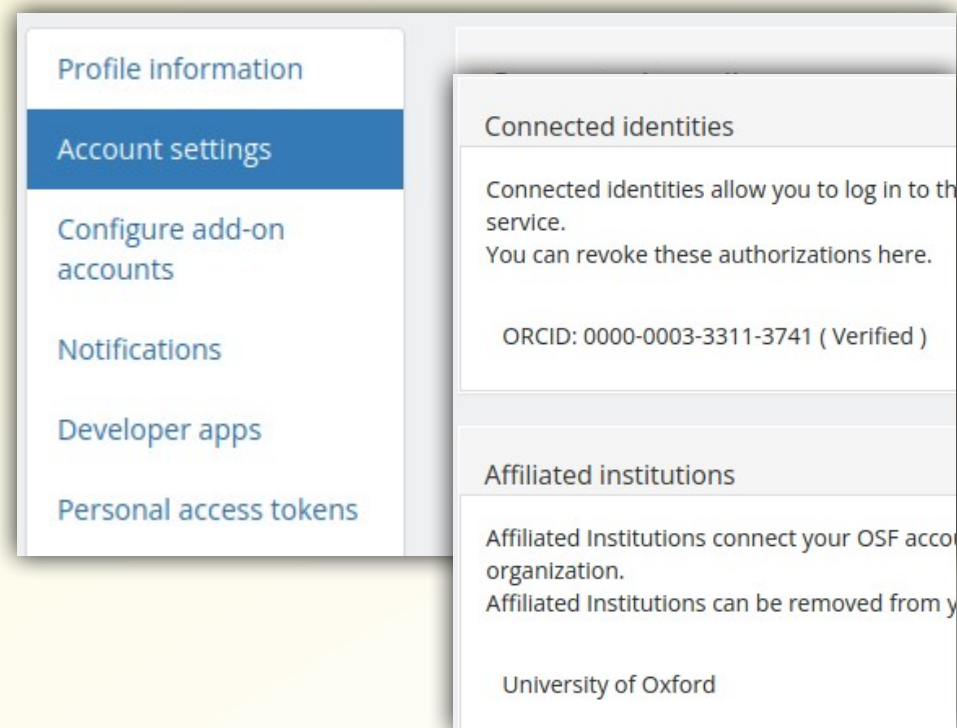
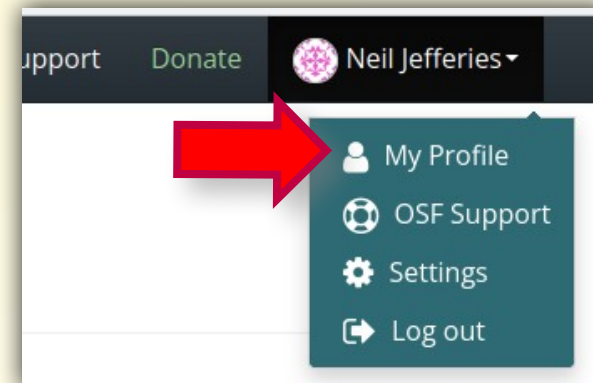
Creating an OSF Profile

- 1) Go to <https://osf.io> and click on the <Sign Up> button at the top right
- 2) On the next screen, press the <Institution> button
- 3) On the next screen, select the <University of Oxford (via ORCID SSO)> and then press the <Sign in> button
- 4) On the ORCID sign-in screen, select <Access through your Institution> and then select <University of Oxford>
- 5) If you have not already signed in, you will be prompted for your Oxford SSO credentials
- 6) You have now created your OSF profile.

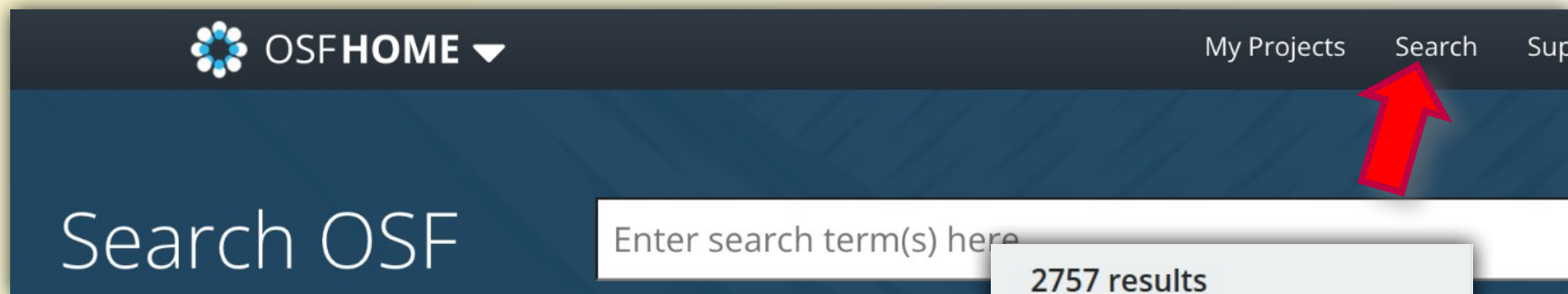


Exploring your OSF Profile

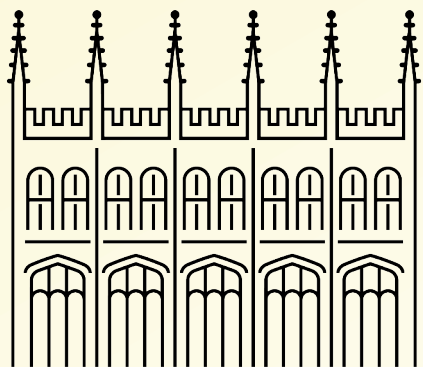
- To see your OSF profile, select your name at the top right and then select <My Profile> from the menu
- To edit your profile, select <Settings> from the same menu
- In the <Profile information> section, you can fill in more or less detail about yourself. This is shown when people click on your name in OSF.
- In the <Account settings> section, you should see your email, ORCID and Oxford affiliation have been automatically filled via your Oxford SSO.



Finding Stuff in OSF

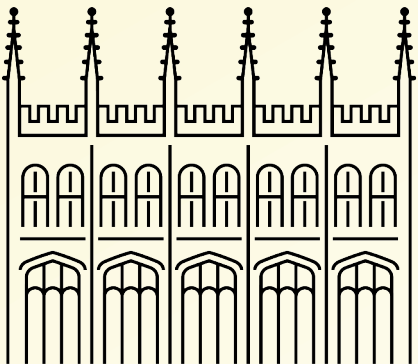


- Search is available from the home screen and most places in OSF
- Results can be shared by cutting and pasting URL's
- Search results can be refined using facets derived from metadata
- This also applies to your material in OSF, so please provide good metadata!



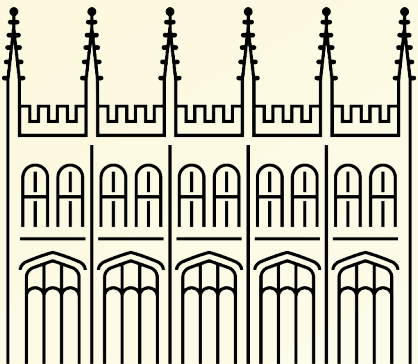
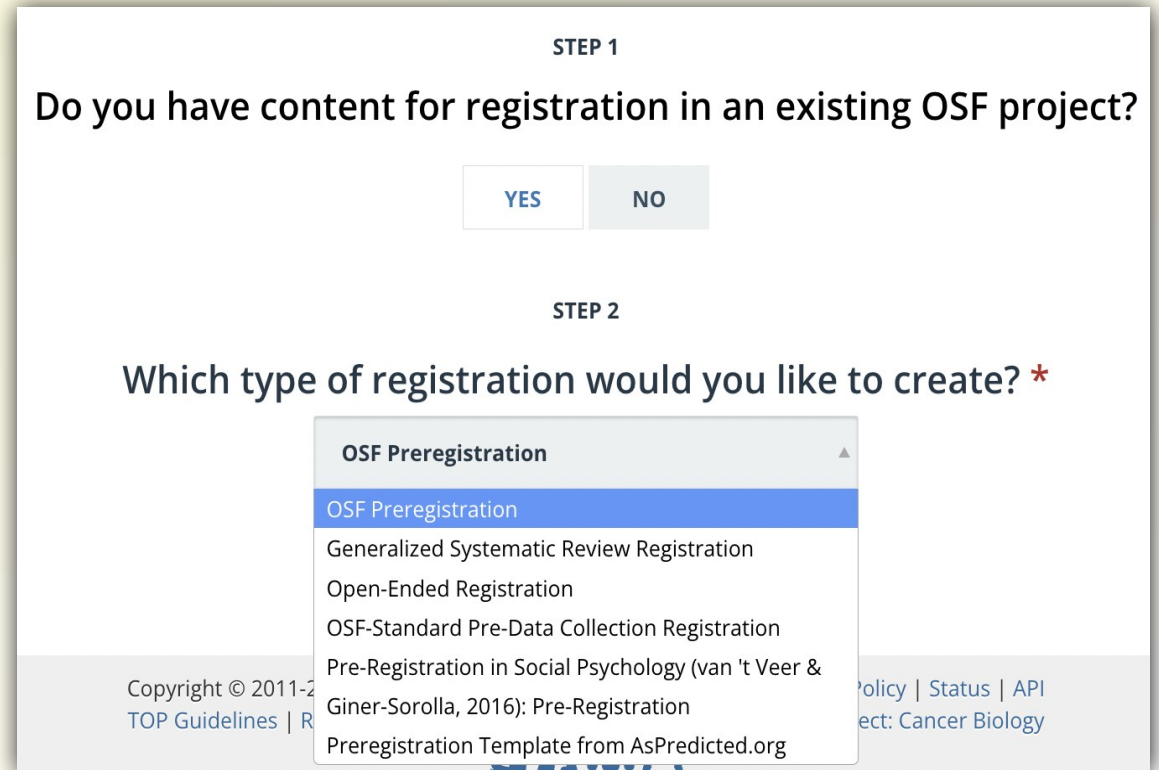
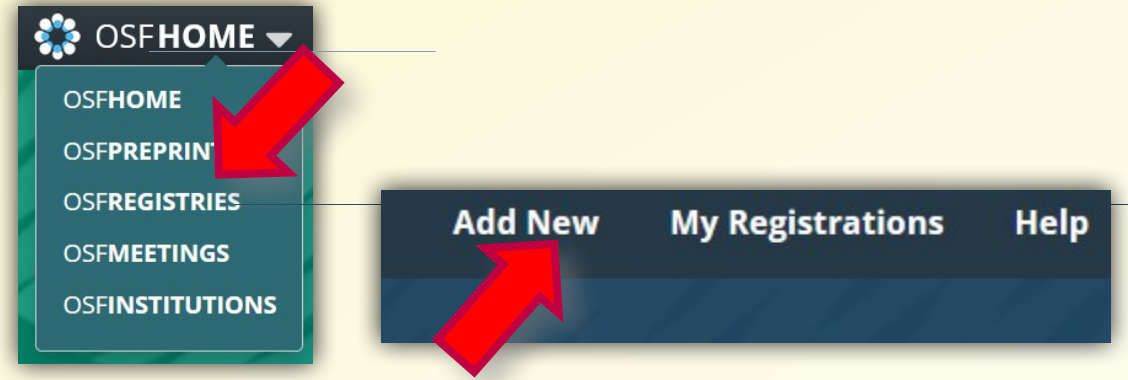
OSF Registries

- A **pre-registration** is a time-stamped, read-only version of a research plan created and submitted to a public registry before the study is conducted
 - OSF is an accepted public registry for some disciplines
 - The form of preregistrations is discipline specific, as is practice
 - In general, a **registration** is the same thing, but submitted after research activity has begun. A **registered report** is similar, but submitted to a journal
 - A pre-registration *can* be created from a regular OSF Project
- Preregistrations are a formal, transparent research plan, which can include any updates that needed to be made, and the results
 - Aids reproducibility
 - Can be peer reviewed, and some journals/disciplines will publish results on the basis of an accepted registration
- We have an entire iSkills course “Preregistration and Registered Reports: What, Why, and How”



Creating OSF Pre-registrations

- Click on OSF Home at the top left, and select <OSF Registries> from the menu
- From the top right menu bar, select <Add New>
- STEP 1 Gives you the option to import material from an existing project
- STEP 2 Presents a range of discipline specific pre-registration templates
 - These determine which OSF Registry the pre-registration is published to
 - They also define a registration workflow and metadata requirements



Managing OSF Pre-Registrations

Pre-registrations have a complex submission process

- 1) Completed the template workflow
- 2) Review the pre-registration as it will appear in the registry
- 3) If you are happy then go ahead and Register the pre-registration
- 4) If importing from a project, select the components you wish to include
- 5) Chose whether to make the pre-registration public immediately or set an embargo period
- 6) If any others are involved with the pre-registration they must also approve the submission
- 7) The registration is then date-stamped and archived. It may be updated but the original remains in the registry as a record.

Workflow

Review

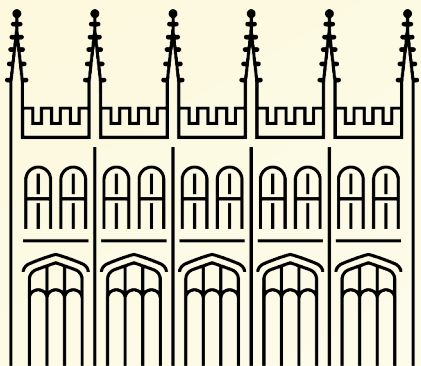
Register

Select Components

Embargo?

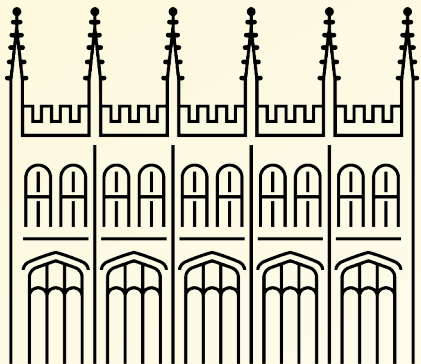
Approval

Archive



Useful Links

- Editing your OSF profile
<https://help.osf.io/article/242-edit-your-profile>
- OSF notifications
<https://help.osf.io/article/235-configure-email-and-notification-preferences>
- Searching OSF
<https://help.osf.io/article/588-getting-started-with-osf-search>
- Pre-registration templates
<https://osf.io/zab38/wiki/home/>
- Submitting pre-registrations
<https://help.osf.io/article/164-submit-your-draft-registration>
- OSF Registries
<https://osf.io/registries>



My Registrations

Drafts Submitted

Age and Political Identification

Registration template: OSF Preregistration

Registry: Metascience Registry

Registered: Mon Sep 28 2020 14:21:54 GMT-07:00

Last updated: Wed Aug 02 2023 20:22:31 GMT-07:00

Contributors: Miske, Loomas, Pfeiffer, and 1 other

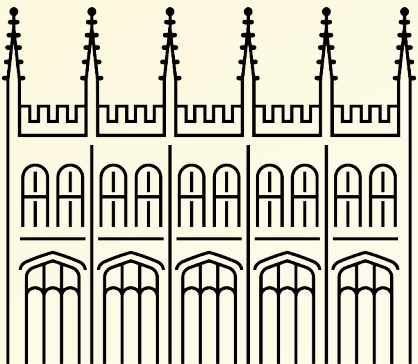
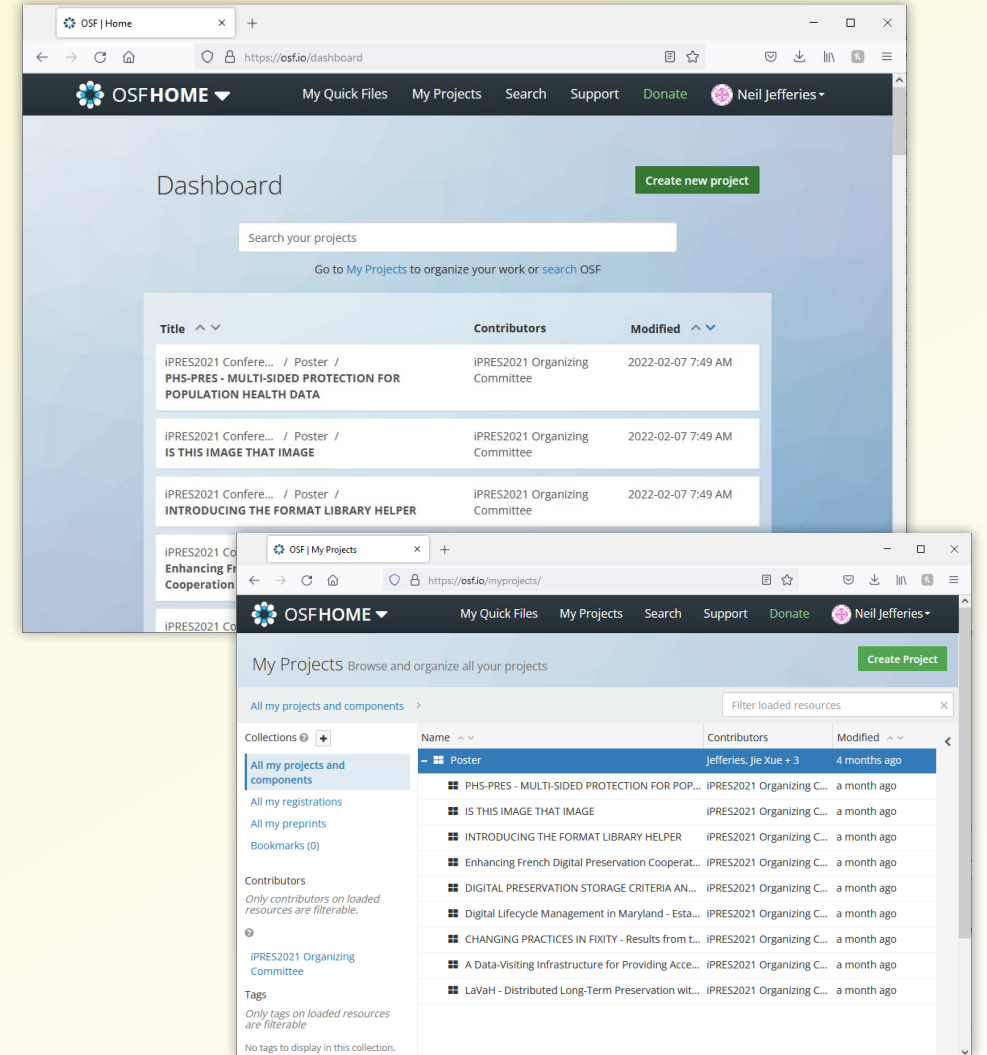
Description: A study on age and political ideology

Tags: election political ideology

[View](#) [Update](#)

OSF Projects

- OSF is primarily based around the idea of a “project”
- A project gathers together and manages all the bit-and-pieces that make up a research activity
- These may be files, data and metadata stored in OSF, but also material from any of the integrated services
- OSF provides discovery tools to locate both your own and other open materials
- OSF helps with sharing and access control to your material



Creating an OSF Project


- Go back to OSF Home <https://osf.io>, you should still be logged on
- Press the <Create new project> button on the right
- You will need to provide a few essential details before pressing the <Create> button:
 - Title for the project
 - Oxford affiliation should appear automatically
 - Storage location for the data held in OSF. Select <Germany> if you have GDPR concerns. You can set a default location in your profile.
- You can now go to your newly created project

Create new project

Create new project

Title

Affiliation Select all Remove all



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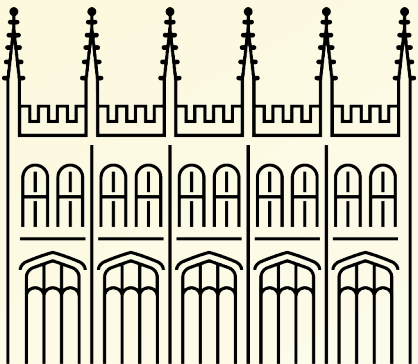
► More

Cancel Create

New project created successfully!

Keep working here

Go to project



Project Home Page

The screenshot shows the OSFHOME interface for a project named 'Test'. The header includes navigation links for 'My Projects', 'Search', 'Support', and 'Donate'. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Test', 'Metadata', 'Files', 'Wiki', 'Analytics', 'Registrations', 'Contributors', 'Add-ons', and 'Settings'. The main content area features the University of Oxford logo, the project name 'Test', and a status bar showing '0.0B', 'Private', 'Make Public', and 'P 0'. Below this, there are fields for 'Contributors: Neil Jefferies', 'Affiliated Institutions: University of Oxford', 'Date created: 2024-04-24 10:11 AM | Last Updated: 2024-04-24 10:11 AM', 'Category: Project', 'Description: Add a brief description to your project', and 'License: Add a license'. There are three main sections: 'Wiki' with a text area for project description, 'Files' with a storage provider selection area, and 'Citation' with a dropdown menu. Below the 'Citation' section is a 'Components' section with 'Add Component' and 'Link Projects' buttons. The bottom of the page shows a table with columns for 'Name' and 'Modif'.

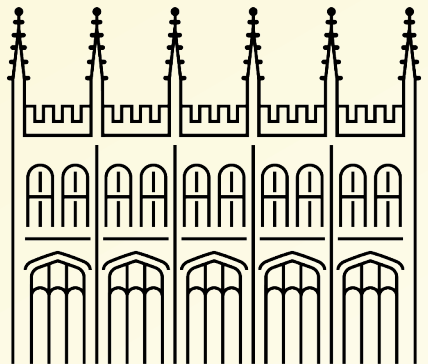
A simple Wiki allows you to easily add project news to the front page

Projects start private, you need to explicitly make them public

OSF generates project references in various citation formats

Components are sub-projects for different parts of a project

This sections what is stored where (in OSF or external services)



Project Metadata

Metadata

[+ Add Community Metadata Records](#)

OSF

Description

Digital texts are all around us - as objects of study in scholarly work, to the news, social media and other texts we interact with everyday online. But how long will these digital texts last? The problem with digital texts is that they come in a variety of formats that are hard to reuse. Reusing and sustaining digital texts requires format and infrastructure updates beyond the skill and funding limits that few researchers can access. This project aims to scope and define an Interoperable Text Format as a means for accessing and delivering text that is stored in a variety of extant formats. Importantly, we are aiming for something that is both human- and computer-readable.

Contributors

Caterina Agostini, Megan Gooch, Robert Goulding, Michael Hawkins, Dirk Van Hulle, Neil Jefferies, Daniel Johnson, Natalie Meyers, Nilo Pedrazzini, Robert Ralley, and 1 more

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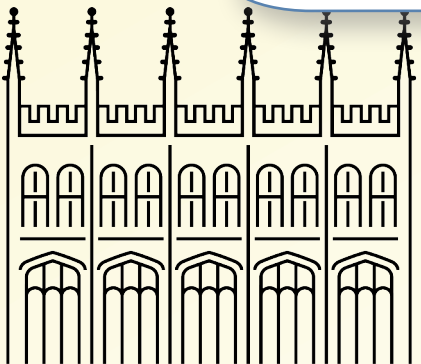
Funding/Support Information

Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities

Some disciplines have metadata standards which OSF knows about

Add funder and grant information, if applicable.

Add your collaborators. You can set access permissions on individual components.



Integrating External Services

OSFHOME

My Projects Search Support Donate Neil Jefferies

Unlocking Digital Texts: Towa... Metadata Files Wiki Analytics Registrations Contributors **Add-ons** Settings

Select Add-ons

Configure Add-ons

Select Add-ons

Sync your projects with external services to help stay connected. Browse the options.

Categories	Search...
All	GitLab
Citations	GitLab Enable
Remote-computing	Google Drive Disable
Storage	Mendeley Enable
	OneDrive Enable
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	ownCloud Enable
	Zotero Enable

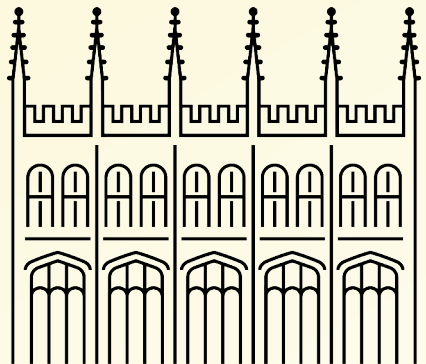
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Google Drive Import Account from Profile

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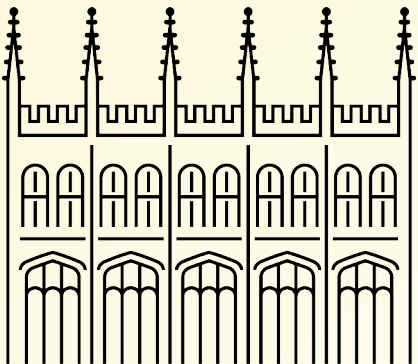
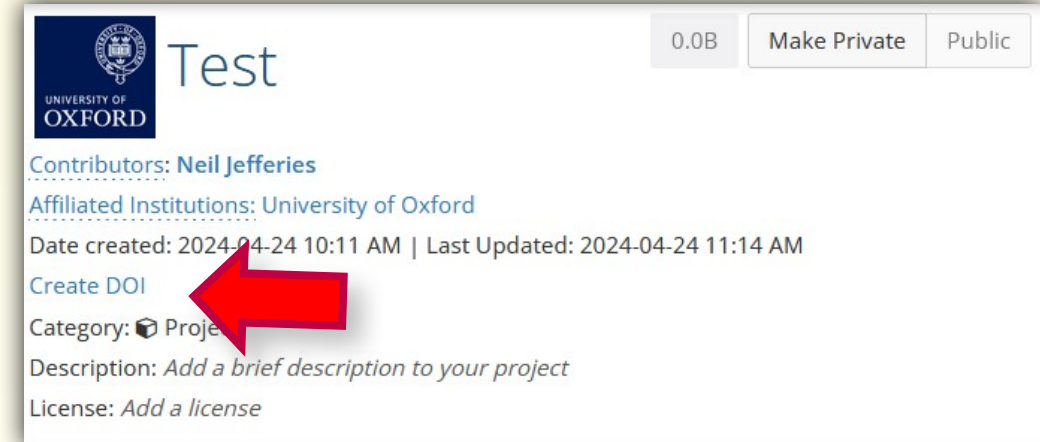
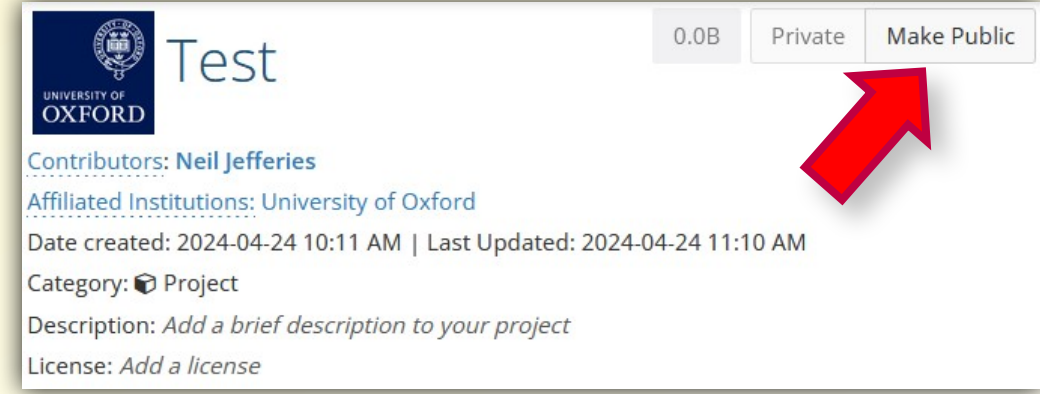
Add-ons require configuration to link to a specific account on the external service

You can manage content from your University OneDrive account.



Making Material Public

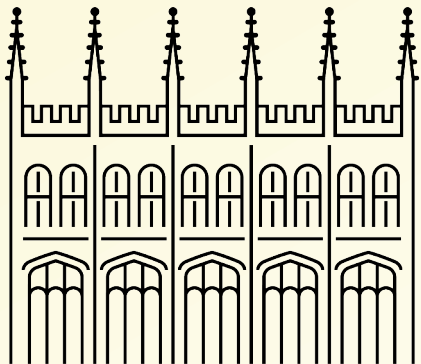
- By default projects and components are private. They can only be seen by their creator and any collaborators that have been given permission.
- Pressing the <Make Public> button will make it visible to everyone, and also indexed by the OSF Search facility
- When making things public you **should** chose a suitable licence
- Once something is public you can create a DataCite DOI for it too. For data, you should also create a record of the DOI in ORA Data.
- If you change your mind you can press the <Make Private> button.



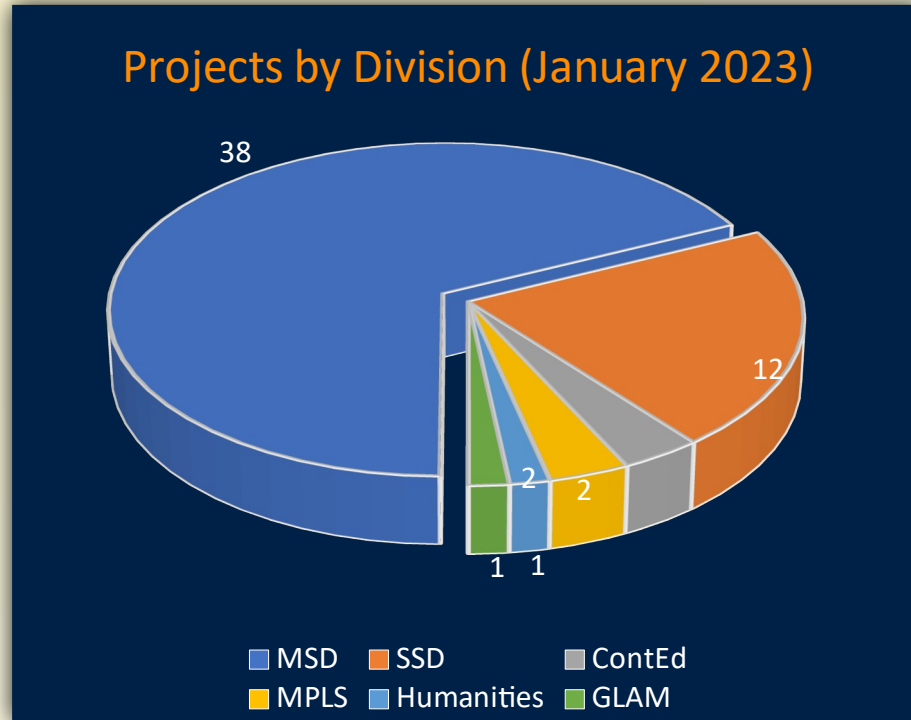
Other OSF Services

OSF PREPRINTS: OSF hosts many preprint services and provides a simple submission workflow from projects

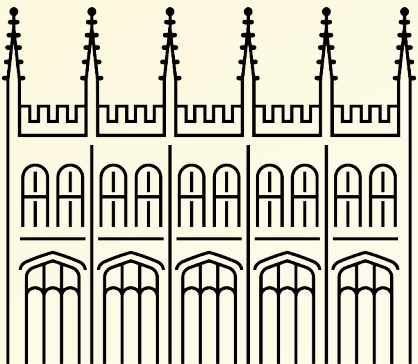
OSF MEETINGS: OSF provides a presentation and poster sharing service for conferences and meetings



OSF at Oxford Progress



- Formally launched June 2022 (although available earlier)
- By January 2023
 - 53 public projects (some interdisciplinary)
 - 154 contributors
 - 12 public pre-registrations
- This has been primarily through organic growth and departmental advocacy
- By December 2023 (better reports available)
 - 119 public projects (107 private)
 - 417 affiliated users (out of 1780)
 - 69 public pre-registrations (14 private)
 - 546 pre-prints



Questions

