EarthCube FAIR How-to Series:
Increasing the Visibility of Your Work with Research Organization IDs and Award Numbers

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Persistent, Resolvable Identifiers

- Provide accurate information that resolves to the current online location of digital objects and/or their metadata (descriptions)
- Link digital objects with their authors and other entities in databases, information systems, and knowledge graphs (for credit!)
- Can be assigned to people, organizations, publications, datasets, models, code, standards, and more
Research Organization IDs

**Research Organization Registry - ROR**

- One of several ID services for organizations
- Community-led focus ("open, sustainable, usable, and unique")
- Formalizes affiliations
  - Describes the relationship between a researcher and an organization (e.g. employer, educational institution, funder, or scholarly society)
- A ROR ID is a URL that resolves to a metadata record with descriptors for the organization
Funding Award Numbers as Identifiers

• **Identifiers for grants and other awards**
  - Grant or contract numbers are generally unique
  - Should be included in the metadata for research products (e.g., papers, data, project web pages)

• **Why include for funders, projects, products?**
  - Generally required to acknowledge funder and award in papers and other products
  - Facilitates relationship linkages (for future funding and collaboration prospects!)
Identifiers that link organizations and funding awards make your research data more accessible and increase citations for your work.

What is the value for you?

- Improve visibility of your work -- **Credit!**
- Increase opportunities for reuse of your research products

**In Summary:**

- **FAIR**ifying your scholarly communication record
Stay tuned for more on FAIR!

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