The Funder Registry allows everyone to have transparency into research funding and its outcomes. It’s an open and unique registry of persistent identifiers for grant-giving organizations around the world.

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The Funder Registry enables multiple parties to better understand the research funding landscape:

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• Research institutions can monitor the published outputs of their researchers;
• Publishers can track who is funding their authors, and check if they’re meeting funding mandates;
• Service providers can offer integrated time-saving features to their users; and
• Funders can easily track the reach and return of the work they have supported.

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Best practice

We encourage publishers to collect funder names and award numbers from their authors via manuscript tracking systems (or extract them from the acknowledgements sections) and match them with the corresponding Funder IDs from the Registry. Once this is done it’s easy to add the funder name, ID, and grant number as additional metadata in regular Crossref content registration deposits.
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