

RESEARCH4LIFE TRAINING ON ACCESS TO THEIR DATABASES

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Key Objectives

- 1. Introduction to resource collections for research4life**
- 2. Eligibility and access procedures**
- 3. Practical demonstration on how to search from the databases**





1. INTRODUCTION TO RESOURCE COLLECTIONS FOR RESEARCH4LIFE

Research4Life is a public-private partnership of five collections:








What is Research4Life ? 

Research4Life is a public-private partnership of the FAO, WHO, UNEP, WIPO, ILO, Cornell University, Yale University, the International Association of Scientific, Technical & Medical (STM) Publishers and up to 155 international scientific publishers.



Main goal for Research4Life to reduce the knowledge gap between high-income countries and low and middle-income countries by providing affordable access to high-quality scientific research.

Since 2002, Research4Life provided researchers from more than 10,000 institutions in more than 125 low- and middle-income countries with free or low-cost online access to up to 151,000 leading journals. Books and other resources in the fields of health, agriculture, environment, applied sciences and global justice.

Research4Life collections 

Via the [Unified Content Portal](#), users can access the following collections:

- Research in Health (Hinari),
- Research in Agriculture (AGORA),
- Research in the Environment (OARE),
- Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI),
- Research for Global Justice (GOALI).

Access to Content Portals  

As of 1 July 2021, Research4Life launched a new content portal aimed at improving and streamlining access to a wide range of journals, books, and other scholarly resources. The platform reorganizes content to provide users with a more efficient and user-friendly research experience.

The following portals are available through Research4Life:

- Unified Content Portal** – provides access to the five discipline collections: [Research4Life Unified Portal](#)
- AGORA Content Portal** – access agricultural research resources: [AGORA Portal](#)
- ARDI Content Portal** – access resources on applied science and technology: [ARDI Portal](#)

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Resources

	HINARI	AGORA	OARE	ARDI	GOALI
Journals	Approx 15,000	Approx 13,700	Approx 11,700	Approx 7,700	Approx 2,500
E-books	Approx 60,000	Approx 26,800	Approx 27,000	Approx 22,000	Approx 12,000
Other resources	Approx 105	Approx 30	Approx 40	Approx 25	Approx 35
Total	Over 75,000	40,000	38,000	29,000	14,500




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2. Eligibility and access procedures








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Eligibility

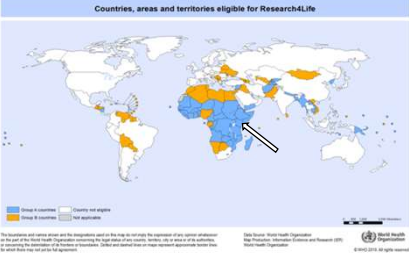
Access to Research4Life is restricted to eligible institutions in eligible countries. These include:


- Public and private Universities
- TVETs
- Professional schools
- Research institutes
- Teaching hospitals and healthcare centers
- Government offices
- National land Public libraries
- Agricultural extension centers
- Local non-governmental organizations

Countries have categories, that is, A and B 


Countries that are assigned to Group A or Group B are eligible for all Research4Life collections.

- Group A
- Group B
- Not eligible
- Not applicable



How to register on Research4Life collections 

- A step-by-step guide on how to register online is available at the Research4Life web site - <https://www.research4life.org/access/how-to-register/>
- Individuals are not eligible to register, only institutions are.
- An online registration form is available at the Research4Life web site
- Before proceeding, please check the [list of registered institutions](#) to see if the institution is already registered.
- Once the submitted registration form has been reviewed by Research4Life, the applicant will receive an email with further instructions.



Access to Research4Life



- Research4Life grants access in two ways:
 1. Through institutional IP address.
 2. Through institutional login credentials.
- Registered institutions are recommended to upgrade access by registering their institutional IP as this provides seamless access for its users.
- Please make sure that the IP address of the institution is registered in the [IP Registry](#), this is a necessary validation step before Research4Life can register the institutional IP in its system.
- Once registered in the IPRegistry, send your request for IP registration to r4l@research4life.org

Research4Life user agreement and terms of use



- Research4Life collections require a signed user agreement that activates the account.
- The user agreement is between the **registered institution** and the **publisher partners of Research4Life**.
- It allows the licensee to use the publishers' offer and defines the rules of use for all Research4Life collections.
- It covers key information on the **use of credentials, copy and fair usage**.



Registered institutions and their approved users are allowed by Research4Life to engage in the following activities:



- Share the password with colleagues, students or faculty members in the same institution,
- Download or print up to 15% of a journal issue or book,
- Use material for educational purposes (course packs or reserves) or make copies for institutional members,
- Use Research4Life collections on personal computers owned personally by the employees, faculty or students of the institution.



Registered institutions and their approved users are prohibited by Research4Life from engaging in the following activities:



- Share the Research4Life username and password outside the registered institution,
- Post content on websites or publish credentials online,
- Access Research4Life programmes remotely from other installations than institutional devices or devices owned by employees, faculty members or students of the institution,
- Access Research4Life programmes whilst travelling outside their own countries,
- Download or print complete journal issues or books,
- Supply documents available through any Research4Life programmes for a fee,
- Modify, adapt, transform or create any derivative work from the publishers' material, **and they must recognize that:**
- Owners, employees or affiliates of for profit corporations are not considered authorized users.



3. Practical demonstrations on how to search from the databases



Access to the Unified Content Portal




- The Unified Content Portal and other portals are accessible through direct links:
 - unified Portal - <https://portal.research4life.org/>
 - AGORA - <https://agora.research4life.org/>
 - ARDI - <https://ardi.research4life.org/>
 - **LOGIN** tab from the Research4Life initial page <https://www.research4life.org/>
- Any member of a registered institution can login to the portal using a **Username** and **Password**. Login details are usually available through the institution's library
- Access is available from desktop/laptop computers and mobile phones.




Login to the Unified Content Portal

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- You can login to the portal through the Research4life website: <https://www.research4life.org/>




- To login, access the initial webpage; click on LOG IN from the horizontal bar
- Access to the login page is also located on the initial web pages of the five collections.
- In both cases, users will be prompted to enter login credentials.



Login instructions

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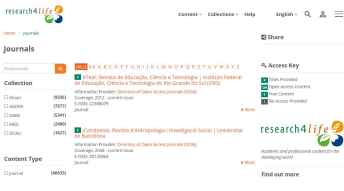


- Users must use the login credentials of their institution - both the username and password are case-sensitive & no spaces are allowed. Note that any login from the five previous programmes will grant access to the Unified Content Portal.
- Users from institutions that have IP-based access to R4L, will not be asked for credentials within the institution's premises & will be automatically logged in.
- Contact the institution's librarian for login info. If not available, contact the help desk - r4l@research4life.org.

Listing of all R4L resources

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By clicking on **ACCESS CONTENT** from the initial page's horizontal bar, all the R4L resources will be displayed including ones that are not accessible.



Login to R4L - to get access to what is available at your institution.

Searching across Research4Life using Summon

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- Summon** is known as a 'Google-like' search engine.
- It allows users to **refine keyword searches** by content type, publication date, discipline, subject terms & language.
- Summon search results are mapped to the material that the publishers grant access to in a specific country & are linked to the full text.



- See detailed information in training lesson 3.2 'Searching Across Research4Life Using Summon'

<https://www.research4life.org/training/librarians-hub/>

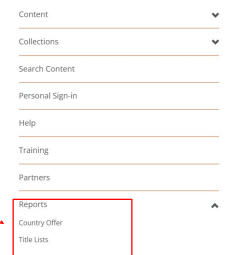


Country Offer

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To check the content that publishers have granted access to in a specific country and institution type,

- Open the **Hamburger Menu**.
- Click on **Reports**.
- Then click on **Country Offer**.



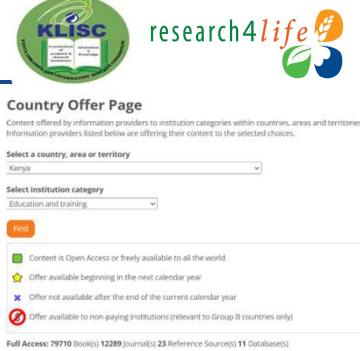
Country Offer continued

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From the drop-down menu, click on the **Country Offer**.

- Select a country e.g., **Kenya**
- Select an institutional category e.g., **Education and Training**
- Click on **Find**

Note the code used for the subsequent alphabetical list of Research4Life publishers that are granting access.





For more information on Research4Life

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