

Who can access Research4Life?

Research4Life is designed to enhance the scholarship, teaching, research and policy-making of the many thousands of students, faculty, and scientists, in the developing world who are working in health, agriculture, environment and other life, physical and social sciences.

Institutions in eligible countries areas and territories:

Universities and colleges, research institutes, professional schools, extension centers, government offices, local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), hospitals and national libraries. All staff members and students are entitled to access the information resources.

What are the two lists of countries, areas and territories and how are they determined?

The two lists (Group A and Group B) are based on four factors: GNI (total), GNI per capita (World Bank figures), United Nations Least Developed Countries (LDCs) List inclusion and Human Development Index (HDI).

Group A countries, areas, and territories — free access

- All countries, areas, or territories fulfilling any of the below criteria:
- United Nations Least Developed Country List
- Total Gross National Income (GNI) is at or less than US\$ 15 billion where Gross National Income per capita (GNlpc) at or less than US\$ 3000
- Total GNI is at or less than US\$ 2 billion where GNlpc at or less than US\$ 5000
- Total GNI is at or less than US\$ 200 billion, where:
 - Human Development Indicator (HDI) is at or less than 0.60, and/or
 - GNlpc is at or less than US\$ 1500

Group B countries, areas, and territories — low-cost access

All countries, areas, or territories not already covered in Group A which fulfill any of the below criteria:

- Total GNI is at or less than US\$ 1.5 billion
- Total GNI is at or less than US\$ 25 billion where GNlpc is at or less than US\$10,000
- GNlpc is at or less than US\$ 6000 where Healthy Life Expectancy (HALE) is at or less than 55
- Total GNI is at or less than US\$ 300 billion, where:
 - HDI is at or less than 0.67 and/or
 - GNlpc is at or less than US\$ 6000

Countries, areas, or territories with a total GNI above US\$ 1 trillion are not eligible regardless of other factors.

If your institution is in a Group A (free access) country, area or territory, then Research4Life is free. If your institution is in a Group B (low-cost access) country, area or territory, Research4Life costs US\$ 1500 per institution per calendar year (from January through December). All institutions registering from Group B countries are entitled to a six month trial.

If your institution is in Group B (low-cost access) country, and you cannot or choose not to pay the annual fee, your institution will still be eligible for free access to a number of information resources.

Group A

(free access)

Afghanistan
 Angola
 Bangladesh
 Belize
 Benin
 Bhutan
 Burkina Faso
 Burundi
 Cabo Verde
 Cambodia
 Cameroon
 Central African Republic
 Chad
 Comoros
 Congo
 Côte d'Ivoire
 Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 Democratic Republic of the Congo
 Djibouti
 Equatorial Guinea
 Eritrea
 Eswatini
 Ethiopia
 Gambia
 Ghana
 Guinea
 Guinea-Bissau
 Haiti
 Kenya
 Kiribati
 Kyrgyzstan

Lao People's Democratic Republic
 Lesotho
 Liberia
 Madagascar
 Malawi
 Mali
 Marshall Islands
 Mauritania
 Micronesia (Federated States of)
 Mozambique
 Myanmar
 Nepal
 Nicaragua
 Niger
 Papua New Guinea
 Republic of Moldova
 Rwanda
 Samoa
 São Tome and Principe
 Senegal
 Sierra Leone
 Solomon Islands
 Somalia
 South Sudan
 Sudan
 Syrian Arab Republic
 Tajikistan
 Timor-Leste
 Togo
 Tokelau
 Tonga
 Tuvalu
 Uganda
 United Republic of Tanzania

Vanuatu
 Yemen
 Zambia
 Zimbabwe

Group B

(low-cost access)

Albania
 Algeria
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Armenia
 Azerbaijan
 Belarus
 Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
 Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Botswana
 Colombia¹
 Cook Islands
 Cuba¹
 Dominica
 Ecuador¹
 Egypt
 El Salvador
 Fiji
 Gabon
 Georgia
 Grenada
 Guatemala
 Guyana
 Honduras
 Iraq
 Jamaica
 Jordan

Kosovo (in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))
 Libya
 Maldives
 Mauritius
 Mongolia
 Montenegro
 Morocco
 Namibia
 Nauru
 Nigeria
 Niue
 North Macedonia
 Pakistan
 Palau
 Paraguay
 Peru¹
 Saint Helena
 Saint Kitts and Nevis
 Saint Lucia
 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 Serbia
 Seychelles
 Sri Lanka
 Suriname
 Tunisia
 Ukraine
 Uzbekistan
 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
 Viet Nam
 West Bank and Gaza Strip

¹ New or reinstated in 2020

Refugee Camps recognized by UNRWA or categorized by UNHCR as “planned/managed camps” are eligible for free Research4Life access regardless of their geographical location.

This list of countries, areas, and territories is intended for use by the Research4Life partnership only. Given the specific nature of the design of this list which incorporates factors relevant to our public-private-partnership, we recommend that anyone seeking a list of countries fitting certain criteria should consult original United Nations, UNDP, and World Bank data.