

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
Cook Islands
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Dominica
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Eswatini
Ethiopia
Gambia
Ghana
Grenada
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Haiti

Kenya
Kiribati
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Niue
Papua New Guinea
Republic of Moldova
Rwanda
Saint Helena
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Sudan
Sudan

Suriname
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
Colombia
Cuba
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Fiji

Gabon
Georgia
Guatemala
Guyana
Honduras
Iraq
Jamaica
Jordan
Kosovo (in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))
Lebanon
Libya
Mauritius
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Namibia
Nigeria
North Macedonia
Pakistan
Palau
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Serbia
Seychelles
Sri Lanka
Tunisia
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Viet Nam
West Bank and Gaza Strip

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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.