RESEARCH IMPACT CHECKLIST

10 suggestions for establishing your online identity, expanding your reach, and monitoring & describing your research impact.

Decide What Information, Activities, and Publications You Want to Track:

1) Scan frameworks like the Becker Model, the Bartlett Manual of Impact, or the Humane Metrics Initiative. Identify indicators of the types of impact you'd like your work to have. Plan to track/document those things on an ongoing basis.

2) Monitor the literature, grants, and other developments to identify potential collaborators, new opportunities, and to stay current with your field.

Increase the Visibility and Accessibility of Your Work:

3) Share preprints, publications, data, and protocols as openly as possible while complying with license agreements and funder policies. Use DOIs when citing these research products.

4) Engage the public. Communicate with lay audiences through forums like The Conversation.

Establish Your Online Scholarly Identity:

5) Register for your ORCID iD, and use it when you publish. Set up and maintain your scholarly profiles using ORCID and Google Scholar.

6) Review and correct your author profiles on sites such as Web of Science, Dimensions, and Semantic Scholar. Create accounts with each provider to manage your profiles.

Gather Evidence of How Your Work is Being Used:

7) Track citations of your articles using your author profiles or tools like Google Scholar or Web of Science.

8) Download and use the Altmetric bookmarklet or check your Dimensions profile to find news, tweets, & policy documents citing your articles. To find additional policy citations, create an account in Sage Policy Profiles.

Describe the Impact of Your Work:

9) Borrow ideas from other people for describing your impact in your CV or biosketch.

10) Provide context for all numerical data.