# Research and Scholarship

The REFEDS Research and Scholarship Entity Category (R&S) has been designed as a simple and scalable way for Identity Providers to release minimal amounts of required personal data to Service Providers serving the Research and Scholarship Community.

As an Entity Category, Services that share the common criteria described in the R&S specification are tagged by federation operators that have briefly audited the Service Providers to ensure they meet certain criteria. Once tagged, Identity Providers can safely release a small set of data to these providers with the knowledge it meets minimal requirements and privacy requirements.

R&S meets the requirements of privacy by design, but also meets the ongoing need to allow personal data to flow in controlled environments to support the needs of users.

If you believe an entity has been incorrectly tagged with R&S, please report to: contact@refeds.org.

The Research and Scholarship Entity Category can be found on the REFEDS website and text from the website should be used as the authoritative source: https://refeds.org/category/research-and-scholarship. Further supporting documentation is available at:https://refeds.org/research-and-scholarship.

The following resources might also be useful:

- Research and Scholarship FAQ.
- Research and Scholarship IdP Config.
- Research and Scholarship Review 2016.
- Research and Scholarship Review 2017.
- Legal Justification for Attribute Release.
- High Level Overview for Identity Providers.
- Requirements for Federations Operators Assessing R&S.