

PRESS RELEASE

## Sorbonne University signs the DORA Agreement

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**Sorbonne University is now a signatory of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA). This international initiative aims to change evaluation methods by diversifying the evaluation criteria and giving priority to the quality of scientific production rather than strictly quantitative indicators linked to the reputation of journals. This decision was taken at the Research Commission meeting of April 7, 2022.**

By signing the Declaration, Sorbonne University commits to adopt, in its research evaluation practice, the principles of the San Francisco Declaration.

These principles are in line with the position paper adopted by Sorbonne University on February 4, 2021 on the "Policy for the promotion of open science actions in the internal evaluation of research within the university"<sup>1</sup>.

In this text, the institution affirmed its desire to "develop the criteria and methods of internal evaluation of research results, in line with its strong commitment to open science and free access to publications", asking that the following be given priority and be taken into account during the internal evaluation:

- the content and intrinsic quality of the research work;
- open access publication;
- the opening of research data;
- the dissemination of knowledge;
- other actions in favor of open science.

By joining the DORA initiative, Sorbonne University is thus acknowledging all the measures taken in favor of an open, fair and responsible evaluation of research, while giving these commitments an international dimension. At the same time, in the wake of the Paris Appeal of February 4, 2022, Sorbonne University joined the European coalition of research funding agencies, universities and evaluation authorities who wish to act in favor of a reform of the research evaluation system.

[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/process-towards-agreement-reforming-research-assessment-2022-01-18\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/process-towards-agreement-reforming-research-assessment-2022-01-18_en)

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*Sorbonne University is a world-class research-intensive university with a comprehensive range of arts, humanities, medicine, science and engineering. The University took the historic name following the merger of Pierre and Marie Curie and Paris-Sorbonne Universities in 2018. Today, Sorbonne University has more than 100 laboratories, with 3,400 academic researchers and another 3,000 researcher partners from the French national research organizations. The University encompasses exceptional trans-disciplinary institutes and initiatives to meet our 21st century challenges. The Sorbonne University Alliance includes the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, the Université de Technologie de Compiègne, INSEAD, the Pôle Supérieur Paris Boulogne-Billancourt and France Education International. This Alliance favors a global approach to teaching and research. Sorbonne University is also a member of the 4EU+ Alliance, an innovative model of the European university.*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.sorbonne-universite.fr/sites/default/files/media/2021-05/01\\_Valorisation%20science%20ouverte.pdf](https://www.sorbonne-universite.fr/sites/default/files/media/2021-05/01_Valorisation%20science%20ouverte.pdf)

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