

Is orcid.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

orcid.org

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

orcid.org appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-12 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

ORCID informational site / sandbox notice. Provides details about ORCID identifiers, how researchers and institutions integrate, links to documentation, member resources, and cookie/privacy settings. No financial solicitations detected.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	17 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2010 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2010.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

ORCID is an organizational and informational website presenting persistent researcher identifiers, registry services, documentation, integration resources, membership information, and privacy controls for researchers, universities, publishers, service providers, funders, and related institutions. Its apparent purpose is to support research identity management and data exchange through organizational memberships, certified integrations, and institutional partnerships rather than direct consumer financial transactions.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed: the supplied evidence contains no phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or confirmed threat-list indicators. The homepage's content is coherent with an established research-identity service, and its stated functions, audience, documentation, and integration model form a consistent institutional profile. The available evidence therefore supports a low scam or impersonation risk, while the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies ORCID as a provider of free, persistent researcher identifiers and explains use by researchers and institutions.
- Domain registration continuity records creation on 2009-10-29 and an age of 16.8 years.
- Web-archive records contain 5,000 snapshots spanning 2010–2022, covering 13 tracked years with no detected repurposing or semantic drift.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, with no confirmed threat-list hit; the site has a traffic rank of 2280.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an apparently legitimate corporate or registry-service model, but the available material does not independently verify the legal entity operating the domain. No financial-services license or registration claim is presented in the supplied page content; for this non-financial research-services model, that is a disclosure and verification matter rather than evidence of a scam. The domain is registered through Network Solutions, LLC, and the overall technical and historical record is consistent with an established site.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration lists Network Solutions, LLC as registrar, with an expiration date of 2028-10-29T16:55:14Z.
- The site uses a TLS certificate issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36 with DV validation, valid to 2026-12-31T23:59:59+00:00.
- Page analysis classifies the homepage as organizational/informational and corporate/registry content, with no financial solicitation detected.
- The homepage provides documentation, membership, resource, privacy, and cookie-consent functions rather than presenting a regulated investment or payment product.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization should independently confirm that the intended service is the official ORCID service, review the applicable privacy and usage terms, and confirm the relevant organizational contact channels through a separately trusted route. If a paid membership or institutional agreement is contemplated, the contracting entity, service terms, invoicing details, and available payment protections should be checked against independently obtained records.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage displays a notice that the site is a test website and distinguishes the official website from sandbox behavior.
- The page provides links to documentation, member resources, support-oriented materials, and privacy or cookie controls.
- The available identity-verification status is unverified, so on-site institutional presentation should not be treated as conclusive proof of the real-world operator.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and no observed contradictions. The principal qualification is that the real-world operator identity has not been independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Cloudflare's CDN/WAF infrastructure, and all observed addresses were CDN edge servers rather than identified origin candidates. This provides a meaningful mitigating control against direct origin exposure, although protective hosting infrastructure is not itself proof of organizational legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Served from AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET – Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- The infrastructure record identifies 6 edge IPs and 0 likely origin IPs.
- The observed infrastructure is associated with Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection and ARIN registry data.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the assessed posture; credential entry or any payment-related commitment should follow ordinary independent checks of the organization, service terms, and transaction protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-12 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of orcid.org.

- The request stayed on orcid.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Network Solutions, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2028-10-29. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2010-01-22. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Network Solutions, LLC
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:10::ac42:83c3
Name servers	frank.ns.cloudflare.com, heather.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36
SSL expiry	2026-12-31
Domain age	16.80 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2028-10-29

Archive first seen	2010-01-22
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about orcid.org at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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