Research Adviser is a cloud technology service that research students, academics, research communities, service providers, projects and programs can use to discover services to support their research.

The vision is to provide the Australian research community:
- Helpdesk services for research communities and service providers
- Discovery and publishing of new services, projects and initiatives
- Dramatically reduced costs in the provision of support services for service providers, virtual laboratories, projects and communities.

Research Adviser is an innovation initiative of AeRO (Australian eResearch Organisations) and CAUDIT (Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology) to support Australian Researchers.

WHY DO WE NEED RESEARCH ADVISER?
- Valuable time is spent trying to search multiple sources to locate discipline, institution or government services and support. To remove costly duplication and fragmentation of research services as a result of national and state providers producing individual service catalogues.
- To streamline the support for research services by providing a national helpdesk.
- Assist researchers by removing the confusion and time spent locating the right tools and services from multiple catalogues.

RESEARCH ADVISER DEMONSTRATOR
- It might be a research project, a tool, a data storage service, a virtual laboratory (VL) or a collaboration service; Research Adviser can help. Please visit the Research Adviser Demonstrator: https://researchadviserpov.service-now.com/ess

HOW WILL IT WORK?

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BENEFITS
Researchers
- Ability to discover, comment, rate and make recommendations on services.
- Be part of a user community that collectively defines the quality of services to help inform future developments and individuals’ choices.

Research Providers
- A sector-wide service for support and the listing of research services, eliminating the need for each service provider to develop its own support platform and service catalogue.
- Each service provider has control over the branding of its portal and over which services it wishes to display to their research communities.
- Easy access and workflow provided through AAF authentication.
- Service providers, research students, academics, national projects, government, and research institutions have an established vehicle through which to communicate and promote their research.
- Facilitates collaboration and the sharing of expensive support resources, while reducing service provider overheads and operational costs in the establishment of support services.
- Provides a national forum for the discovery of services from providers like CSIRO, Bureau of Meteorology, NeCTAR and RDSI Nodes, NCI and State eResearch organisations.

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GOVERNANCE MODEL

CAUDIT

Project Control Group (PCG)

Project Management

Reference Group

Communities of Practice

Support
Integration
Services
Training

User Experience User Group

Work Groups

Expert Advisers
Researchers
Service Providers
Institutions

RESEARCH ADVISER APPROACH

CONSULTATION

Institutional consultation
State consultation
National consultation

STAGE 1
2011

REQUIREMENTS

NeCTAR
RDSI
Virtual Laboratories
State Research Providers
National Research Providers

STAGE 2
2012 - 13

IMPLEMENTATION

Research Adviser action plan
Finalise requirements
Evaluate different platforms
Select platform
User Experience Design

STAGE 3
2013 - 14

OPERATIONALISATION

Governance model
Creation of operational team
Take up of services
Ongoing review of operations

STAGE 4
2014 - 2015

USER SUPPORT PROJECT MAIN OBJECTIVES

IMPLEMENTATION FOCUS

Save Time in Collecting Research Service Information
Improve User Support Practices with Templates and Protocols
Improve Service Usability and Researcher Self-Support
Support New Research-Led Services from RDSI and NeCTAR