

Enhancing Academic and Scientific Research with Search Guard's Free Licensing Programme

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In today's data-driven world, ensuring the security of your Elasticsearch clusters is paramount. Whether you're part of an academic institution conducting research or a non-profit organization dedicated to scientific advancement, Search Guard's Academic and Scientific License Programme is designed to support your efforts without the financial burden. Offering full enterprise features at no cost, this programme is a game-changer for non-commercial, educational, and scientific endeavors.

What is the Search Guard Academic and Scientific License Programme?

Search Guard, a leading provider of security solutions for Elasticsearch, offers a unique opportunity for non-profit academic and scientific institutions to access their enterprise-grade features free of charge. This initiative is part of our commitment to fostering education and research by providing robust security tools that ensure data integrity, privacy, and compliance.

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Key Features and Benefits

The academic and scientific license provides comprehensive access to Search Guard's enterprise features, including:

- **Encryption:** Ensure that your data remains secure both at rest and in transit.

- **Authentication:** Implement strong authentication mechanisms to control access to your Elasticsearch clusters.
- **Authorization:** Control who can access your data, on cluster-, index-, document-, and field-level
- **Audit Logging:** Maintain detailed logs of all access and changes to your data, ensuring accountability and traceability.
- **Multi-tenancy:** Support multiple users and departments with isolated data access within a single Elasticsearch cluster.

These features are critical for maintaining the security and integrity of data, particularly in environments handling sensitive information or conducting large-scale data analysis.

Unlimited Clusters, Unlimited Potential

One of the standout benefits of this programme is the ability to run Search Guard on an unlimited number of clusters.

We are dedicated to give back and support non-profit academic or scientific organizations

This flexibility is especially valuable for institutions with extensive research projects or diverse educational programs that require robust, scalable security solutions. By eliminating the limitations on cluster numbers, Search Guard empowers institutions to scale their operations seamlessly.

Application and Eligibility

To qualify for the free license, institutions must be recognized as non-profit academic or scientific organizations. The application process is straightforward: Just visit our website and [drop as a note](#), describing your institution and the type of work it is doing.

Once approved, we will send you a fully functional Enterprise License key that you can apply to as many clusters as needed.

Easy Deployment and Maintenance

Applying the license and unlocking all features is easy: Just upload the license file to one node in your cluster, or use the Search Guard Kibana UI to upload. The license is automatically applies to all nodes in your cluster. This simplifies the deployment process and minimizes administrative overhead, allowing researchers and educators to focus on their core activities.

Conclusion

Search Guard's Academic and Scientific License Programme significantly lowers the barrier to accessing enterprise-level security features for non-profit academic and scientific organizations. By offering this license at no cost, we are not only promoting the importance of data security but also empowering institutions to pursue their research and educational missions with confidence.

For those dedicated to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and innovation, securing your data should be the last thing to worry about. [Apply today](#) and let Search Guard take care of your data security, so you

can focus on making groundbreaking discoveries and fostering learning.

Where to go next

- Head over to our website and [apply for a free license](#)
- [Read the documentation](#) to learn about the features of Search Guard
- [Download, install and try out Searchguard](#) - as local plugin, Docker image or on Kubernetes

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