



Keep the software alive. Let the science grow.

Open Science Continuity is a proposed nonprofit foundation for the long-term care of scientific software. We combine supervised AI agents, research software engineers and scientific experts to keep valuable tools usable, testable and supported beyond a single grant or developer.



Why continuity matters

A research tool can remain online yet become difficult to install, run or trust. Dependencies change, documentation ages and maintainers move on. When useful software loses support, researchers lose time and access to methods. Caring for one shared tool can strengthen many discoveries.

A foundation built to operate

We propose a shared maintenance service with named responsibility, transparent change records and continuity plans. Institutional agreements, grants and sponsorship would fund the work. Income would be reinvested in open-source infrastructure, validation and local capacity, including support for partners with fewer resources.

Agents prepare. Experts decide.

Agents inspect repositories, prepare focused repairs, run reference tests and submit pull requests with evidence. Engineers review the changes; scientific experts assess effects on methods and results. Maintainers retain release authority. A working installation is only the beginning: scientific confidence needs explicit checks.

Dutch base. Global benefit.

The ambition is a Netherlands-based foundation with European reach and global access. Research teams would help set priorities and retain ownership and scientific control. Shared support, practical documentation and local maintainer development would help institutions build lasting capacity wherever science happens.

Help build continuity for science.

We invite research institutions, funders, software communities and scientific experts to shape the foundation and identify tools that need sustained care.