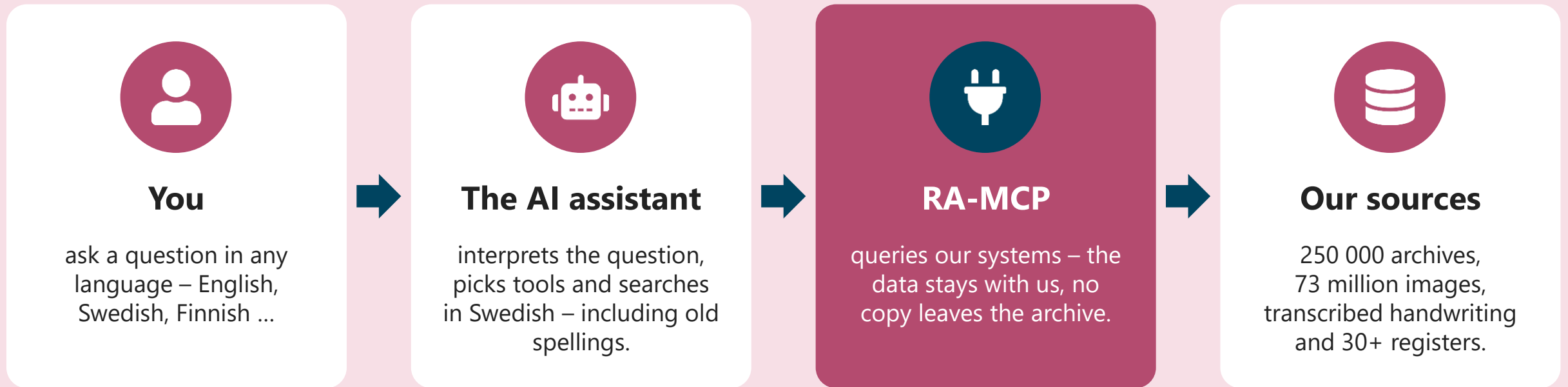


What is RA-MCP?

MCP (Model Context Protocol) is an open standard that lets AI assistants use external tools and data sources.

RA-MCP turns the National Archives' sources into such tools – ask in any language in Claude, ChatGPT or Mistral.



The language skills come from the language model – the answer comes back in your language, with references to the originals.

What's in RA-MCP?



Search handwriting

AI-transcribed text, including old spellings.



Search the catalogue

250 000 archival inventories and 2 million+ other records.



View the originals

Page through and open the image with the text on top.



People

Births, deaths, marriages and the biographical lexicon.



Middle Ages

Medieval charters (SDHK) and parchment fragments.



More registers

Seamen's houses, court records, companies, vehicles etc.



Research guides

The Archives' PDF guides to sources and archival history.



Skills

Built-in guidance that teaches the AI how to search archives.

Some thirty searchable sources – and the AI chooses which ones it needs for your question.

What can you ask?



The genealogist

CHURCH RECORDS (DDS)

"What can you find about my ancestor Mathis Michaelsson in Asarum, Sweden?"



The researcher

TRANSCRIBED HANDWRITING

"Can you find historical testimonies about the 1834 cholera epidemic, compare how the disease was described in different records, and show the original sources behind your conclusions?"

Follow-up

"What new research questions does this record raise, and what further archival material would I need to examine?"



The archivist

WHERE IS THE MATERIAL?

"Can you find material of Sámi relevance in the National Archives' HTR-transcribed collections?"



Riksarkivet

How to connect



Address

`https://riksarkivet-ra-mcp.hf.space/mcp`

Login

None for RA-MCP – but your AI assistant needs its own account, often a paid plan.

1

Open connectors

In your AI assistant's settings: Connectors, Integrations or similar.

2

Add RA-MCP

Choose "Add custom connector", name it RA-MCP and paste the address.

3

Turn it on and ask

Enable RA-MCP in the chat and try: "Who was Marie Louise Gagner?"

Add custom connector

Name

RA-MCP

Server address (URL)

`https://riksarkivet-ra-mcp.hf.space/mcp`

Add

Status, limits and contact



Beta test autumn 2026

- Open beta since September, running until year end
- We learn from the survey, interviews and anonymised logs
- Performance may vary – the server runs on Hugging Face



Not working yet

- On-demand HTR (htr_transcribe) is switched off on the open server
- Export to Label Studio (label) is switched off
- Not all sources are connected – the AI can't see what's missing
- Transcribed text is mainly 17th–18th-century court records – not church records
- Empty answer ≠ doesn't exist



Report and follow

- **Bugs and requests**
AI@riksarkivet.se
- **Evaluate your testing**
[Survey: Beta Test Survey – RA-MCP](#)
- **Documentation**
ai-riksarkivet.github.io/ra-mcp

Tip: Always ask “Where did you search?” – and check against the original before drawing conclusions.