

MANAGING YOUR RESEARCHER IDENTIFIERS

WHAT IS A RESEARCHER IDENTIFIER?

With the continuing growth of scholarly publishing, more and more researchers share the same name, leading to some publications being misattributed, impeding the discovery of research in scholarly databases. To address this problem, various organizations and publishers have developed a system of unique research identifiers.

WHY HAVE A RESEARCHER IDENTIFIER?

- Distinguish your name and ensure your research is properly credited
- Compile all your research output in one place
- Collect and evaluate related research metrics
- Help others discover your work
- Promote your research and facilitate collaboration across borders, institutions and disciplines
- Streamline research workflow, such as manuscript and grant submissions
- Reduce manual data entry through automatic harvesting

WHAT IS ORCID?

ORCID stands for Open Researcher and Contributor ID. It is a free, unique, digital research identifier used to associate your work with you.

Unlike other research identifiers, ORCID is open source, open access, non-profit and easily links to other IDs and their metrics.

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH AN ORCID ID?

1. **Register** at <https://orcid.org/register> to get your unique ORCID identifier.
2. **Add your professional information**, including all associated affiliations, countries, name variants, and emails.
3. **Add publications** by linking to other identifiers such as Scopus, ResearcherID, and LinkedIn, by importing works from a BibTeX file, or by adding them manually.
4. **Add your ORCID ID** to your CV, website, email signature, social media accounts, business cards, manuscript submissions, grant applications, and research workflows.

WHEN TO USE YOUR ORCID ID?

- When submitting a journal article or uploading a dataset
- When applying for a grant
- When applying for or starting a new job
- When carrying out peer review
- When presenting at a conference, using a personal ORCID ID QR Code

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OTHER RESEARCHER IDENTIFIERS

SCOPUS AUTHORID

- Proprietary system integrated with Scopus database and its associated metrics
- AuthorID automatically created if your publications are indexed in the database
- Allows you to easily see a list of your publications and view citation metrics such as h-index, citation counts, publications, and co-authors
- Can be linked to ORCID iD
- Author information may not be accurate, but Scopus can make corrections by request
- No online user profile is available

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

- Includes information from a range of sources and citations not captured by Scopus and Web of Science
- Automatically updates your profile, or you can receive email alerts to review and confirm
- Affiliation required for inclusion in Google Scholar search results
- Errors in records can require cleanup such as merging and editing
- Automation and lack of transparency means that errors can occur and citation counts may not be accepted by some bodies

WEB OF SCIENCE RESEARCHERID

- Proprietary system integrated with Web of Science database and its associated metrics
- Can manually enter publications not indexed in the database
- Manage your publication list with EndNote Web
- Can include multiple name variants
- Can be linked to ORCID iD
- Easily update your online profile information anytime

ACADEMIA.EDU & RESEARCHGATE

- Commercial social networking platforms for academics
- Track citations, as well as view count for papers and profiles
- Profiles appear high in Google searches, and full-text publications uploaded are indexed by Google Scholar
- Some institutions, publishers, and funding bodies advise against uploading papers to these platforms

QUESTIONS?

Have questions about ORCID, researcher identifiers, or anything else relating to open scholarship? Contact the Libraries at opendeposit@yorku.ca.

