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A Guide to ORCID

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1 What is ORCID?

ORCID is a not-for-profit organization governed by an elected board. It provides a persistent digital identifier (an ORCID ID) for individual researchers and a registry of those identifiers, to support automated linkages between researchers and their professional activities and affiliations, through integration in research workflows such as manuscript and grant submission.

2 What's the purpose of ORCID?

As more and more academics publish, you might find that your name isn't as unique as you first thought. This is particularly true in certain cultures: for example, Spanish surnames can have a multitude of variations, and some Asian surnames are common and shared by a relatively large number of people. Imagine, as well, the many forms your name has taken on official documents – you might have appeared as John Smith, J.A. Smith and J Smith.

A free ORCID ID provides the means to reliably identify yourself, regardless of name similarity, name changes, discipline changes and variations of the ways that names are presented. In turn, this has the potential to greatly improve the world of scholarly communication for both author and publisher.



John A. Smith, J. A. Smith, John Smith

English University

Psychology

Publishes across journals in multiple disciplines



Maria Teresa Ramos Garcia, Maria Garcia, M. Ramos Garcia, M. T. Ramos

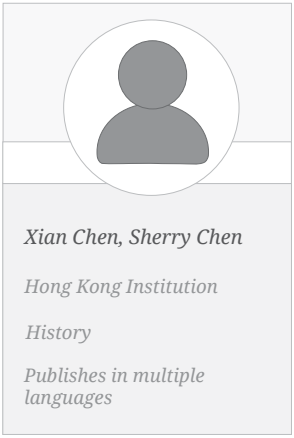
US Organisation

Geology

Supplements academic career with private sector research

As well as using the ORCID ID itself, you can use your ORCID record to collect together (and display if you choose) the activities you engage in throughout your career. Your ORCID record can list the institutions you've worked at, funding you've received, publications you've authored and details of any peer reviews you've provided.

This can be a convenient way to display your contributions to your field when applying for grant funding and research positions.



The key benefits

1 Discoverability: ORCID increases the discoverability of your publications, by enabling smarter publisher systems and by helping readers to reliably find work you've authored.

2 Convenience: As more organisations use ORCID, providing your ID or using it to register for services will automatically link activities to your record, and save you re-keying information multiple times.

3 Keeping track: Your ORCID record is a neat place to record validated information about your research activities.

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How to get an ORCID ID

Getting your own unique ORCID ID is very simple!

Register at https://orcid.org/register, where you'll be guided through the quick registration process.

Distinguish yourself in three easy steps...

1. Register

Get your unique ORCID identifier. Register now!
Registration takes around 30 seconds.

2. Add your info

Enhance your ORCID record with your professional information and link to your other identifiers (such as Scopus, ResearcherID or LinkedIn).

3. Use your ORCID ID

Include your ORCID identifier when you submit publications, apply for grants, on your webpage, and in any research workflow to ensure that you get credit for your work.

4 Making the most of your ORCID ID

The strength of ORCID as a system is in its ability to connect your activities throughout the research lifecycle. The more you use your ORCID ID, the more benefits you'll enjoy.

So, after registering, it's important to use your ORCID ID. Firstly, you can develop your ORCID record by adding:

- Professional positions
- Funding information
- Publications
- Institutional affiliations
- Links to other profiles you maintain as a researcher, such as LinkedIn, Scopus, and social media profiles.

Secondly, you should remember to use your ORCID ID when submitting your work for publication, applying for funding and signing up for researcher services (for example, authoring tools). You can also provide your ORCID to your institution. The more you use your ORCID ID, the more complete your record will become.

5 Privacy

ORCID offers robust permissions and data privacy protections, giving you total control over the data you store on your record and the data you make visible to the public or to certain organisations. For up-to-date information on privacy matters, see https://orcid.org/about/trust/home.

6 ORCID at Cambridge University Press

Many of our journals now require the corresponding author of an article to submit an ORCID ID before they can submit their paper. For all other journals, provision of an ORCID ID is optional but highly encouraged.

If you provide your iD during submission via Scholar One or Editorial Manager, we will:

1. Store it as part of the metadata related to your article and send it to CrossRef. If you give permission to CrossRef, this means that your ORCID record can be automatically updated with the publication when they register the DOI.
2. Display it on your published article on Core, with a link to your ORCID record so that readers can easily find more information about your other research contributions.

Longer term we'd like to use ORCID iDs to benefit the readers of the research we publish too – for example, using these unique identifiers to accurately recommend articles written by the same author.

7 Why are you requiring ORCID for corresponding authors of some Cambridge journals?

We believe that higher ORCID uptake is going to provide benefits across the whole research ecosystem – for authors, researchers, institutions, funders and publishers alike. Used properly, ORCIDs enable greater discoverability for research publications, efficiencies for publisher and funder systems and convenience for researchers when managing multiple accounts and activities.

These positives increase the uptake of ORCID, so as a publisher we can play our part in establishing ORCID as a new industry standard by asking our authors to provide their iD at the point of article submission.

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