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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about ORCID

Why do I need an ORCID iD?

- **Stand out:** it's a great way to distinguish your research activities from others with similar names and affiliations;
- **Get credit for your work:** easily associate your identity with all of your research activities and objects, such as publications, datasets, equipment, articles, media stories, curated exhibits, citations, experiments, patents, teaching notes and notebooks;
- **Take control of your privacy:** you determine which research activities and objects are publicly available;
- **Work less:** ORCID reduces the amount of manual data entry you have to do through automatic harvesting of associated activities and objects;
- **Change jobs, institutions, or industries, seamlessly:** your data "move" with your ORCID iD across organizations and national boundaries;
- **Collaborate:** highlight your interactions with multiple organizations, publishers, and funders; and,
- **Extend the reach of your work:** ORCID improves the discoverability of your profile and your associated research activities and objects.
- **It's quick and easy:** Creating your record can take as little as 30 seconds. Populating your record is also quick and easy using the [search and link wizard](#) to add publications and other works already stored in sites like Scopus or Web of Science.

Is ORCID just another online profile site?

The unique benefit of ORCID is that it provides a universal, non-proprietary identification number. This can be used across systems to tie together the various places in which your online profile exists – universities, publishers, research funders, social media, or any other organisations. What ORCID is not: ORCID is not a citations and bibliometrics statistics service (like Scopus/SciVal or WoS/Clarivate or Google Scholar), though it can greatly facilitate using these services. Unlike other author identifiers (Gmail email, institutional email, Scopus author ID, WoS Publons id) ORCID is not limited to any institution, publisher, company, discipline, or geographic region.

How does ORCID work with other identifiers for researchers?

ORCID is independent from any publisher, unlike, for example, the [Scopus Author Identifier](#) or the [Clarivate (Web of Science) ResearcherID](#). However, an increasing number of publishers are working with ORCID to synchronise different identifier systems.

In Scopus:
- The Author search includes an option to search by ORCID iD.
- The Author profile displays the ORCID iD where present.
- Authors can associate their ORCID iD with their Scopus Author Identifier using the [Scopus Author Feedback wizard](#). This enables you to import your Identifier into your ORCID profile along with your list of publications from Scopus, and to add your ORCID iD into Scopus (see [Scopus Support Center](#) for more information).

In Web of Science:
- Search by ORCID iD using the Author Identifiers field.
- Author Information includes the ORCID iD where present.
- Authors can [associate their ORCID iD with their Researcher ID](#).

The ISO's [International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI)](#) works in a similar way to ORCID, but they are designed to serve different communities and different needs. ISNI operates across various media and is primarily designed to ensure the smooth allocation of royalties.ORCID, on the other hand, is designed specifically for researchers, and uses richer metadata specific to scholarly communication.ORCID and ISNI have agreed a system of interoperability between the two identifiers and are working on full integration.

Who are ORCID?

The ORCID (Open Researcher & Contributor IDentifier) registry is managed by [ORCID (Inc.)](#), a not-for-profit organisation formed in 2010. ORCID is dedicated to solving the name ambiguity problem by giving researchers and authors a single unique ID which works across the research landscape. The work of ORCID is guided by an agreed [set of values and principles](#). ORCID operates internationally with its headquarters in Bethesda, USA.

How private and secure is my information on ORCID?

Information kept by ORCID is protected by their <u>privacy policy</u>, which is designed to comply with US 'Safe Harbor' principles. The ORCID web services are also <u>TRUSTe certified</u>. ORCID offer a range of <u>visibility settings</u> (everyone, trusted parties, only me) for you to choose from that can be applied to different parts of your record. Information set as 'only me' can only be seen by you and is not shared with any third parties. Information about ORCID's <u>commitment to information security</u> is contained in their privacy policy. Further information about <u>how ORCID ensure the security of your data</u> is available on their support pages.

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