



Responsible Authorship

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Measure Your Research Impact: Author Identifiers & Profiles



Distinguish yourself

What are author profiles?

- They are unique identifiers that allow authors to distinguish themselves from other authors and to unambiguously associate themselves with their work
- Author ambiguity in the scholarly community is a persistent problem that is caused by:
 - One author publishing under multiple variations of their name
 - Common names
 - Name changes, e.g because of marriage



Comparison of author identifiers



	ORCID	ResearcherID	Scopus author identifier
What is it?	Persistent digital identifiers for researchers	Free alphanumeric author identifier, online community and search system	Automatically generated identifier number within Scopus
Integrates with...	Open, non-profit community effort that has partnered with many universities, commercial research organizations, national funding agencies, publishers and professional societies	Web of Science	Scopus
Create your own profile	Yes	Yes	No, but can request to merge profiles if you have multiple Author Identifiers
How to sync publications	Import from partner organizations, e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, CrossRef, etc. Import BibTex file of citations Add via DOI, PubMed ID or ArcXiv ID Enter manually	Search Web of Knowledge, Web of Science or your EndNote Web library Upload RIS file	You can only request that changes be made to your profile



	ORCID	ResearcherID	Scopus author identifier
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add citations for ALL types of scholarly outputs, not just publications. Add external identifiers, e.g. ResearcherID, Scopus Author Identifier Link to other systems or profiles, e.g. NIH eRA Commons, SciENcv biosketch creation tool, Google Scholar, LinkedIn, and others You choose what information to make public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides citation metrics for Web of Science publications Registered and non-registered users can search for and view author profiles Labs tools allow you to view your collaboration and citing article networks You choose what information to make public 	Provides citation metrics
What is it used for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing research activities and author identifiers in one place Grant and manuscript submissions: many publishers and funding organizations have implemented or are planning to implement ORCID. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing and tracking publications Allows others to easily locate your publications in Web of Science databases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures that your publications are properly attributed in Scopus Allows others to easily locate your publications in Scopus
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