

THE ORCID ID: OPTIMIZING DISCOVERABILITY OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

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Objectives:

ORCID is an open, non-profit, community-driven organization that provides a unique and persistent identifier to researchers, connecting them with their activities through integration in key research workflows. ORCID is unique in its ability to reach across disciplines, research sectors and national boundaries and its cooperation with other identifier systems.

On-going activities:

ORCID is a hub that connects researchers with their scholarly activities through the embedding of ORCID identifiers in existing workflows, data systems, and other identifier systems. The ORCID API supports system-to-system communication and authentication, further helping to connect research and researchers around the world.

Working in collaboration with the research and scholarly community — universities and research organizations, funders, publishers, professional associations, and vendors — the embedding of ORCID IDs is widespread and includes integration in researcher profile systems, manuscript submission processes, HR systems, grant applications, and in linkages with repositories and other researcher identifier systems. ORCID connects researchers with all kinds of works, including publications, datasets, and other identifiers, and provides search and link tools to link to existing works and embed the identifier on new works so that researchers don't have to spend time updating their records.

It is free and fast for researchers to register for an ORCID ID at orcid.org, and researchers control the privacy of their own ORCID records. ORCID provides content in multiple languages and the registry supports entry using multiple character sets.

Results:

Use of the ORCID ID eliminates name ambiguities, ensures accurate attribution, and improves the discoverability of research and scholarly works. Integration with ORCID can reduce the repetitive data entry associated with the increasing number and diversity of research information systems with which researchers interact, and the ORCID ID stays with a researcher, connecting them with their research activities throughout their career.

As of 23 August 2013, more than 240,000 individuals have claimed their unique ORCID IDs and more than 70 organizations from the publishing, funding, association, university, and repository communities have joined ORCID as members and sponsors.

URL: <http://orcid.org>