

ORCID

Connecting researchers with their digital research contributions



What is ORCID?

ORCID is a non-profit organisation that provides a research identifier which works across a range of platforms, to reliably connect researchers digitally with their research outputs.

The ORCID iD is a 16-digit persistent identifier that researchers can register for and use for free.



ORCID:

- 1 Connects individuals and their professional contributions across disciplines, organisations and time.
- 2 Helps research institutions, funders, publishers and other organisations better track and support research work.
- 3 Enables recognition of all kinds of research contributions and innovation.



ORCID allows you to control and manage a trusted and easily shareable record of research activities and affiliations for free.

Display your personal ORCID iD on websites and in your email signature. This quick guide shows you how:

https://bit.ly/Display_ORCID_UCT

First name Surname

ORCID iD

<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-5727-2427>

Why ORCID?

What is in a name?

Few personal names are unique or fixed. Names may change due to many circumstances.

An ORCID iD allows you to differentiate yourself from others who have the same name as you.



This also helps you collect and link all your research outputs regardless of name variations

Researchers are mobile

You might not spend your entire career at one institution.

Your ORCID iD moves with you throughout your career.



Variety of research outputs

Research outputs are more than just publications. Researchers now produce open research data, scientific software and workflows. These are published in various places and easily overlooked or orphaned.

Research visibility

An ORCID iD gives you a virtual presence to make your work more discoverable.



Simplify your funding applications process

With an ORCID iD you can keep all your publications in a single virtual space to make preparing funding applications easier.

Many funders require an ORCID iD, including the National Research Foundation and Wellcome Trust.

Research outputs reports

Easily exports and creates a bibliography of your work.



Manage the systems overload

Throughout the research lifecycle researchers are expected to use several different systems, entering the same information several times. This duplication can be confusing and waste time.

- 1 ORCID is integrated into many systems used by publishers, funders (including the NRF) and institutions, including UCT's eRA system.
- 2 You can use your ORCID iD to automatically pull your publications, already captured in ORCID, into eRA.

Connecting virtual platforms with your ORCID iD

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ORCID is integrated into many systems used by publishers, funders and institutions to connect platforms and save you time.

ORCID connects:

UCT platforms:

- ▶ eRA: electronic Research Administration system
- ▶ UCT DMP: online data management planning tool
- ▶ ZivaHub | Open Data UCT: institutional data repository
- ▶ OpenUCT: institutional open access repository



Other platforms

ORCID brings together your research profiles on:

- DataCite • ImpactStory • Google Scholar
- Open Science Framework (OSF)
- Publons (Web of Science) • Scopus, and more

For optimal use of your ORCID iD with UCT systems, start by connecting your iD to the electronic Research Administration (eRA) system

To find out how to do this, download our step-by-step guide:

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