Establishing your unique scholarly identity with an ORCID iD

ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor iD) is a global non-profit registry which provides researchers with a unique alpha-numeric identifier (an ORCID iD) plus a mechanism for linking research outputs to these identifiers.

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You need an ORCID iD because other researchers may have the same name as you, you may have published papers under variations of your name, or even under a different name altogether. If your publications are not uniquely linked to you (and not another author with the same name) then it becomes very difficult and time-consuming to determine your total citation count with any degree of accuracy. See the short video, "What is ORCID": http://vimeo.com/97150912

There is no cost involved for researchers to register for an ORCID iD. The ORCID iD is a 16 digit number (e.g. 0000-0003-3449-6481) which can also be displayed in the form of a URL which links to your ORCID profile page (e.g. http://orcid.org/0000-0003-3449-6481).

ACU Researchers should register via the ORCID webpage using the Personal Account option. Do not register or connect on behalf of another staff member. Your ACU email address and the password you choose will become your ORCID sign in details. If you ever want to change the email address or the password, this can be done via the ‘Account Settings’ tab on your ORCID record.

Adding Information to your ORCID record

Ideally, you should add some information about yourself to your ORCID record. This information will be help differentiate you from other researchers with the same name.

To add information to a section, click on the pen icon: Specify who should be allowed to see this information.

Options include: anyone (public) trusted parties (authorised by you) or just you (private)

When you have finished entering this information, remember to save the changes.

Add at least the following information:

Also known as: Enter all variations of your name which may appear on your publications plus any other (i.e. different) names you may have published under.
Country: Select Australia from the list.
Keywords: Add some keywords which describe the subject matter in your publications and grants.
Add your publications (works).

You can import your publication details from Scopus, Web of Science or CrossRef using the ‘wizards’ provided. If any of your publications can be found in Scopus, then it is recommended that you use the Scopus Wizard [https://orcid.scopusfeedback.com/#/] to add them, as this pulls your Scopus Author ID into your ORCID record and pushes your ORCID ID into the Scopus records.

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