How to claim your own ORCID ID (Open Researcher Contributor ID)

ORCID (pronounced orkid) is an open, non-profit, community driven effort to create and maintain a registry of unique researcher identifiers for individual researchers.

ORCID solves the name ambiguity problem in research and scholarly communications by giving researchers a unique, 16-digit numeric identification number that lasts over time and can be linked to research output to enhance the scientific discovery process and to improve the efficiency of research funding and collaboration within the research community.

Registering for an ORCID ID is free and it takes about 30 seconds to do so – simply go to the ORCID Website at http://orcid.org/

Once you have your ID number, there are 5 areas that you can add information to: 1) Personal Information, 2) Education, 3) Employment, 4) Funding and 5) Works. The first three areas will need to be edited manually, but there are options to link your profile directly (if you have a Researcher ID from Thomson Reuters / Web of Science).

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