Manage and maximise your author profiles

Why are author identifiers and profiles important?
There are 6 million+ authors internationally, of whom two thirds share a last name and a single initial. Therefore, when your published research outputs are indexed in databases and discoverable on the internet, they may inadvertently be matched to an author with the same name, research area, and/or affiliation. On average, 1 in 8 authors share an ambiguous name in the same database, so matching outputs to the right author is essential as this can affect your h-index, citation and collaboration metrics, federal government reporting for ERA and HERDC, and university rankings.

The 3 main author identifiers
The 3 main author identifiers are ResearcherID, Scopus ID, and ORCID. These can be accessed via the Library home page> A-Z Databases> type in database name. The table below summarises the main features:

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*Depending on the publisher and database, there should be some automatic updating of publications to ORCID

# Citation metrics and h-index derived from Web of Science

^ Altmetrics are alternative metrics, and are a measure of reach and engagement via social media. Altmetrics can be tracked for traditional research outputs, and non-traditional outputs including creative works and reports. Beta testing of data between ORCiD and Altmetric is in development.

What is ORCiD?
ORCiD is the Open Researcher and Contributor ID, and links with the 2 major multidisciplinary databases, Web of Science/ResearcherID and Scopus. An increasing number of journal publishers including Wiley, Elsevier, Springer, IEEE, Taylor & Francis and PLoS require your ORCiD to be entered as part of the submission process, and it is now a field in the National Health and Medical Research Council’s grant system. ORCiD can also link to research datasets in Research Data Australia via the Australian National Data Service.

When you register for an ORCiD you will be assigned a unique 16 digit code that you can use to showcase your whole of career research outputs.
Registering for an ORCiD and linking it to your profiles on ResearcherID and Scopus

Creating an ORCiD takes about 30 seconds, but it is worth spending a few minutes to include your current employment information, and keywords to help distinguish your profile from others with the same name. It is essential to import your research outputs in ResearcherID and Scopus to your ORCiD profile using the Add works feature.

Refer to the Research Quick Guides listed below which outline registering for a profile, updating research outputs, and linking between the databases:

- Create and/or update your profile and research outputs on ResearcherID
- Review your author profile and publications on Scopus
- Create and/or update your profile on ORCiD, and link your outputs from ResearcherID, Scopus, and ANDS.

Help with registering, reviewing and managing your profiles
The Library runs workshops on Manage and maximise your author profiles throughout the year. The calendar and registration links are available at www.library.unisa.edu.au/researchers/workshops-and-seminars and are also advertised via email.

Individual appointments or tailored workshops for Schools and Research Institutes are also available.

Contact your Academic Library Team for further information or assistance

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