

ORCID IDS

An ORCID iD is a free, unique, persistent identifier that reliably connects you with your works, awards, and affiliations. ORCID is open, international, community-based, and multi-disciplinary. Any person contributing to research, scholarship, or innovation can register for one.

To register for an ORCID iD go to orcid.org, click the “Register for an ORCID iD” link under the heading “For Researchers”, and fill out the form. The registration form requires basic information and is quick to fill in. Additional email addresses may be added to encompass multiple affiliations, or institutions.

Once you’ve registered you can use your own ORCID iD number whenever you are prompted, or required, to do so, such as when submitting a manuscript or grant application.

ORCID alleviates mistaken identity by assigning a unique number to each person so that persons sharing the same, or similar name, or, for example, who have changed their name or go by different versions of their name, will be saved from any confusion. ORCID allows you to differentiate yourself by including an option to input names you are also known by using the options below your profile name and ORCID iD number.

With an ORCID iD you maintain ownership over and in control of your record, managing what information is connected to it and how it is shared.

Three privacy options are available: Everyone, Trusted parties, and Only me. ORCID’s visibility settings are very flexible allowing you to make different data elements visible to different groups, and for changes to be made at any time. The three visibility options allow you to make one record visible to everyone, but perhaps another record in the same category only visible to yourself.

ORCID reduces time spent form-filling because you enter data once, and can re-use it often.

ORCID improves the discoverability of a researcher’s scholarly output and enables researchers to easily and uniquely associate their identity to a wide range of research output.

Non-traditional scholarly work like activity that comes from teaching and supervising students can also be added to a faculty member’s ORCID record, as well as supervised student publications, lectures or speeches.

Now anytime you need to login to ORCID you simply go to the homepage, click “Sign In” next to the “Register” link underneath the “For Researchers” tab.

If you have any questions, ask us at library.wlu.ca/help/askus.