ORCID FAQ

Below are common questions faculty may ask you about ORCID along with suggested responses. Additional questions and answers can be found at <https://support.orcid.org>, or email [scholarlycommunications@usu.edu](mailto:scholarlycommunications@usu.edu).

# How is ORCID different from other researcher identifiers?

ORCID is not a social media platform, nor a profile system, nor an online CV or content repository, but we connect with many other tools that fulfill these functions. The mission of ORCID is to focus on providing an identifier for individuals to use with their name as they engage in research, scholarship, and innovation activities.

ORCID allows and encourages you to link your ORCID iD to other identifiers. For example, you may link your iD to your Scopus Author ID, or ResearcherID, or ISNI.

Your ORCID iD is fully owned and controlled by you – ORCID’s Terms & Conditions mean that no-one else may assign an ORCID iD to you. No-one but you can see information you mark as ‘visible only to me’ and no-one can update your ORCID record without your permission.

# How is ORCID different from Google Scholar?

Google Scholar is a researcher profile system, ORCID is not. ORCID functions as a switch box that connects a wide variety of research systems to each other. Having an ORCID iD will support the maintenance of any researcher profiles you already have.

# How is ORCID different from ResearchGate?

ResearchGate is a researcher profile and social networking platform, ORCID is not. ORCID functions as a switch box that connects a wide variety of research systems to each other. Having an ORCID iD will support the maintenance of any researcher profiles you already have.

# How is ORCID different from ResearcherID and Scopus Author ID?

ResearcherID and Scopus Author ID are proprietary researcher profile systems owned and operated by Clarivate/Web of Science (ResearcherID) and RELX/Elsevier (Scopus Author ID).

ORCID is a community-driven non-profit. ORCID is also not a research profile system. ORCID functions as a switch box that connects a wide variety of research systems to each other. Having an ORCID iD will support the maintenance of any researcher profiles you already have.

Both ResearcherID and Scopus Author ID can be linked to your ORCID iD to support the maintenance of your profiles.

# I think I already have an ORCID ID, but I don’t remember my login credentials. Can I sign up for a new one?

For ORCID to do its job, it’s important to only have one ORCID iD. If you think you might already have an ORCID iD, go to support.orcid.org and follow the suggested steps for recovering your account.

You can view the specific help page on this topic here: <https://info.orcid.org/ufaqs/what-is-my-orcid-id-do-i-already-have-an-orcid-account>

# I think I might have 2 ORCID IDs. What do I do?

For ORCID to do its job it’s important to only have one ORCID iD. If you think you might have multiple ORCID iDs, go to support.orcid.org and follow the suggested steps for reconciling 2 or more ORCID iDs.

You can view the specific help page on this topic here: <https://support.orcid.org/hc/en-us/articles/360006896634-Removing-your-additional-or-duplicate-ORCID-iD>

# Can I use Single Sign On (SSO) with ORCID?

You can use your A number and strong password to log in to ORCID. You should list multiple email addresses on your profile so that if you leave USU, you will not lose access to your ORCID record.

You can view the specific help page on signing in with SSO here: <https://support.orcid.org/hc/en-us/articles/360006894394-Sign-into-ORCID-using-your-institutional-account>

# What ORCID integrations does USU support?

USU is exploring integrations with Watermark Faculty Success (formerly known as Digital Measures). If there is a specific integration you would like us to support, please let us know by emailing [scholarlycommunications@usu.edu](mailto:scholarlycommunications@usu.edu).

# How do I add works from Google Scholar to my ORCID record?

You can add works from Google Scholar by following the directions found here: <https://lyrasisnow.org/transferring-works-citations-from-google-scholar-to-orcid/>

# How do I link Scopus Author ID/ResearcherID to my ORCID iD?

You can link your ORCID iD to other identifiers by following the direction found here: <https://support.orcid.org/hc/en-us/articles/360006894854-Add-person-identifiers-other-identifiers-to-your-ORCID-record>

# My CV and research IDs are managed by an admin or research assistant. Can they manage my ORCID record for me?

You can grant permission to one or more trusted individuals to update your ORCID record, acting as a delegate or proxy for managing your account. Other ORCID users can grant permission for you to update their records. A trusted individual does not need to be another researcher, but must have an ORCID iD.

You can view the specific help page on this topic here: <https://support.orcid.org/hc/en-us/articles/360006973613-Add-a-trusted-individual-to-your-account>