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Following on ResearchGate

A great way to connect with other researchers is to follow them. Following someone means you’ll see updates about their publications and contributions on ResearchGate. Follow researchers whose work you’re interested in to expand your network and create exposure for your own research. You can also follow projects, publications, and questions to stay informed about new updates. You can keep track of all the content you’re following directly from your Research interests tab.

 Recommending and sharing content on ResearchGate

Recommending and sharing research are ways for you to show high-quality research to your peers on ResearchGate. Recommending is public and is a quick way to show interesting content to your network, while sharing is private and is used when you want to share content with specific people. Here are some reasons to recommend and share content:

- The work is cutting edge
- The research is in your field
- You would like to discuss it with others
- The research is ongoing and worth keeping track of
- It’s your own work and you’d like to share it with your peers

Recommending content publicly on ResearchGate

Who will see my recommendations?

When you recommend research, people you’re connected to will be notified and they’ll see your recommendation in their feeds. Other researchers can see that you have recommended a piece of research when they view its page.

What kind of research can I recommend?

You can recommend any type of research that you think is worth sharing, such as articles, data, or conference papers.

To go directly to the type of content you want to follow, recommend or share, click the links below:

Researchers
Questions
Publications

Researchers

How do I follow another researcher?

To follow a researcher, go to their profile and click the blue Follow button on the top right-hand side. You can also click the white Follow button that appears next to their name in any suggestions you see around the site. To find more researchers whose work you might be interested in, go to your Related researchers page. We’ll let someone know when you follow them so they have the option to follow you back.

How do I see who I’m following and who’s following me?

You can see who you’re following and who’s following you on the right-hand side of your profile’s Info tab. We’ll notify you via email and on-site notifications when someone new follows you.

How do I unfollow a researcher?

There are several ways to unfollow a researcher on ResearchGate. To unfollow a single researcher:
1. Go to the profile of the researcher you want to unfollow
2. On the right-hand side, underneath the blue and white Message button, it should say Unfollow in gray letters
3. Click Unfollow.

Alternatively, it may be easier to unfollow multiple researchers using the following steps:

1. Go to your profile’s Info page by clicking on Info below your profile photo
2. Once you can see your Info tab, scroll down until you see Following on the right-hand side and then click View all
3. In the list that appears, scroll to the researcher you would like to unfollow and click Following
4. Repeat step 3 for as many researchers as necessary.

Note: Because the list of people you follow is part of your profile, researchers will not be notified when you unfollow them.

Why am I automatically following researchers?

We have automated some parts of the following process to improve your ResearchGate experience. For example, if you joined ResearchGate via a colleague’s invitation, you will automatically be following each other when you create your account. Similarly, if you were browsing another researcher’s profile when you signed up, you will automatically be following them as well.

If you would like to unfollow a researcher, simply follow the steps in the section above.

Are there limits to the number of researchers I can follow?

Once you’re following more than a certain number of researchers, the number of people you can follow is limited. This limit is not fixed and is related to the number of researchers who follow you. This is for both security and technical reasons. If you have reached this limit and would like to follow more researchers, you’ll have to unfollow some first. Fine-tuning the list of researchers you follow leads to a more tailored Home Feed, filled with content relevant to your interests and field of research.

How do I block someone on ResearchGate?

To block a researcher from interacting with you on ResearchGate, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to the profile of the researcher you want to block
2. Click on their Info tab
3. Scroll down to the bottom right and click Block researcher.

Blocking a researcher means they’ll be removed from your list of followers and won’t be able to message you or see updates about you. Blocking works both ways, so your contact with them will be limited in the same way.

Publications

How do I follow a publication?

To follow a publication, please go to its detail page and click on the blue Follow publication button, which is located above and to the right of the publication’s title, authors, and abstract. To find the publications you are following, go to your Overview tab. Then, on the bottom right-hand side you will see a tab marked Publications you follow which you can click to access them.

How do I unfollow research items?

To unfollow a publication,

1. Go to your profile page by clicking on your profile photo in the top right of any page
2. Once you can see your profile page, scroll down until you see Followed publications on the right side and then click View all
3. In the list that appears, scroll to the researcher you would like to unfollow and hover your mouse over the blue Following button. It should change to Unfollow
4. Click Unfollow
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for as many research items as necessary.
Why am I automatically following research items?

We have automated some parts of the following process to improve your ResearchGate experience. For example, if you comment on a research item, you will automatically follow the research item, so that you are kept up to date with any updates regarding the research item.

If you would like to **unfollow a research item**, simply follow the steps in the section above.

How do I recommend research?

To recommend a research item such as a publication or data:

1. Go to the research item's page
2. Click on **Recommend**

To remove the recommendation, simply click on **Recommended** above the research item.

How do I share a research item?

1. Go to the research item's page
2. Click on the blue arrow to the right of **Recommend** and select **Share publication** from the drop-down list
3. Either choose from the suggestions or type the names of the researchers you'd like to share this research item with
4. Click **Share**

**Note:** You can only recommend research item to researchers who are following you.

Projects

How do I follow a project?

**Following projects** is a great way to keep up with current research in your field and find out about the latest discoveries as they happen.

To follow a project:

1. Go to the page of the project you would like to follow
2. Click the blue **Follow project** button under the list of collaborators on the top right-hand side of the page
3. You are now following the project and will start getting notified about new project updates and discussions.

How do I unfollow a project?

1. Go to the page of the project you would like to unfollow
2. Click the blue arrow next to **Recommend** on the right-hand side and select **Unfollow project**.

Why am I automatically following projects?

We have automated some parts of the following process to improve your ResearchGate experience. For example, if you comment on a project, you will automatically follow the project, so that you are kept up to date with any updates regarding the project.

If you would like to **unfollow a project**, simply follow the steps in the section above.

How do I share a project?

Once you've followed a project, you can share a project with people you think it would be of interest to.

1. Go to the project's page
2. Click on **Share**
3. Either choose from the suggestions or type the names of the researchers you'd like to share this
project with
4. Click Share

Note: You can only share projects to researchers who are following you.

Questions

How do I follow a question?

You automatically follow questions you ask, answer, like, or recommend. If you want to follow a question manually, click the blue Follow this question button on the top right-hand side of its page. Following a question means that you’ll be notified of any answers other researchers add to it.

How do I find the questions I’m following?

To find questions you are following, you can click on Questions from any ResearchGate page, and click Questions you follow on the right-hand side.

How do I unfollow a question?

To unfollow a question:

1. Go to the question’s page
2. Hover your mouse over the Following button
3. Click to unfollow.

How do I recommend a question or answer?

To recommend a question or answer:

1. Go to the question’s page, and/or scroll down to the answer.
2. Click on Recommend

To remove the recommendation, simply click on Recommended below the question or answer.