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In contrast to more traditional metrics, the **RG Score** focuses on you, an ever-growing community of specialists, and puts reputation back into the hands of researchers. To view your RG Score and how it’s broken down, go to your **Scores tab**.

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**Why has my RG Score decreased or not changed?**

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**Why can't I see my RG Score on my profile?**

Your RG Score will be activated when it reaches 1. Only then will it be visible to other researchers. If you’ve just signed up and confirmed authorship of a significant number of publications, your RG Score will likely become visible with the next weekly update. Please also make sure that any articles published in journals are correctly linked to the journal they were published in. See **Editing and deleting research** for more information about linking your publications to their journals.

**Why is my RG Score not changing?**

It is recalculated once per week, so depending on your interactions and the content you have added to your profile, it is likely that your new score will appear with the next update.
Asking questions, providing helpful answers, or adding data and figures are all good ways to improve your RG Score. If your peers think it's worthwhile, they will likely give you feedback, which will affect your score. By connecting with other researchers and contributing high-quality content, your score will increase. Please also make sure that any articles published in journals are correctly linked to the journal they were published in. See Editing and deleting research for more information about linking your publications to their journals.

How does the RG Score account for quality?

The RG Score is based on what your peers think of your work. Low-quality contributions won't attract positive feedback and recognition from the rest of the community, so they won't contribute to a researcher's score in any significant way. With this in mind, we've given you the ability to downvote and flag any contribution that doesn't reach the standards upheld by the rest of the community. We'll be introducing more ways for you to point out these contributions in the near future.

Can I turn off my RG Score?

The RG Score is a metric that measures scientific reputation based on how all of your research is received by your peers. As an integral feature of ResearchGate, it can't be turned off or hidden. We are constantly working on ways to improve the RG Score to reflect your needs as a researcher.

How can I improve my RG Score?

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