Contacting other researchers

How can I message other researchers?

There are three ways to send private messages on ResearchGate:

If you’re following the researcher you’d like to message, click on the envelope icon in the top right-hand side of the screen, then select View all. To send a private message, click on the Compose message button on the right-hand side and enter the name of the researcher you’d like to contact.

You can also go to the profile page of the researcher you’d like to message and click the blue Message button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

If you’re not following the researcher you’d like to message, you can go to their profile page and click on their Info tab. In the bottom right-hand corner, you’ll see a white Send message button. Click there to compose a message.

How do I delete my private messages?

It’s not currently possible to delete private messages, but they can be archived. Private messages are not visible to anyone but the sender and recipient. To archive a private message, go to your message inbox by clicking on the envelope icon at the top of any ResearchGate page. Select the message you would like to delete and click Archive conversation.

I’m not a member but I want to contact a researcher

Due to the privacy policies that we have in place, we are unable to provide you with the personal details of any researcher, nor can we forward any messages to them. If you are a researcher and would like to sign up for a ResearchGate profile, you can do so by following this link:


You will then be able to follow or message researchers privately by visiting their profile and clicking on the Send message button on the right-hand side.