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Here you'll find everything you need to know about publications on ResearchGate, including adding, discovering, editing, full-texts, figures, authorship, highlighting and commenting, reviewing, and generating a DOI.

What is a publication page and what is a full-text?

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How are publication pages created?

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Here's how to report a duplicate publication:

1. Go to your Contributions tab
2. Scroll down to the research item that is a duplicate
3. Click on the downward-facing blue arrow at the bottom of the item next to the Add resources link
4. Select Report Issue from the options in the drop-down
5. Select This is a duplicate of another item in my profile and click Continue
6. In the box that appears, select which item you would like to merge or search for it if you don't see it on the list (you can pick more than one item if necessary)
7. Click Continue.

Please note: It can take up to 72 hours for the publications to be merged.

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How do I remove publications from my profile?

To remove a research item from the Contributions tab:
1. Go to your Contributions tab
2. Scroll down to the research item
3. Click on the arrow next to Add resources
4. Select Remove
5. Select the relevant option
6. Select your reason for removing
7. Proceed by clicking the relevant button.

Please note: If you didn't create the publication page, you will not have the option to remove it from ResearchGate entirely. You can, however, remove it from your profile.

How do I edit my publication's details?

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If your research does not have a DOI, you can edit your publication’s details by following these steps:

1. Go to the item's ResearchGate page by clicking on the title of the research
2. Click on the blue arrow to the right of the title and select Edit from the drop-down list
3. Make the necessary changes
4. Click Save.

Or:

1. Go to your Contributions tab and click on the arrow below the title to the right of Add resources and select Edit from the drop-down list.
2. Make the necessary changes
3. Click Save.

Please note: Certain types of publications cannot be changed to other types, like Data, or Research. These must be removed and re-uploaded as the correct type.

To edit author names:

1. Edit the Authors field as appropriate
2. Update the author information and click Request changes or Save.

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Adding publications to my profile

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Why aren't all my citations/references on ResearchGate?
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