Editing and deleting research

Here you can get instant answers to the most common questions relating to the research on your profile.

How do I edit my research item's details?

You can edit your Research item's details by following these steps:

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

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

To edit author names:

1. Click **Edit authors**
2. Update the author information and click **Request changes** or **Save**.

If you are the creator of the publication and the sole claimant, you can modify the authors of your research item instantly, otherwise, these changes will be reviewed manually and can take a small amount of time.

**Please note:** Research with a ResearchGate DOI attached cannot be edited. Instead, you should remove the research completely, re-upload it with the correct details and then generate a new DOI for it. A DOI is a unique identifier - therefore any edits after its creation render the DOI invalid.

How do I remove research from my profile?
What would you like to do?

- **Remove publication page from profile**
  Remove the publication information and any full-texts from your profile.
  **Note:** The publication information and any full-texts uploaded by your co-authors will still be accessible on ResearchGate.

- **Delete private full-text from ResearchGate**
  There is no full-text privately available.

- **Remove full-text from publication page**
  Remove your full-text from ResearchGate but still show all other publication information.

- **Make full-text private**
  Stop displaying the full-text publicly but make a private copy available to you and your co-authors.

- **Permanently delete the publication page from ResearchGate**
  Remove all publication information as well as any full-texts from ResearchGate.

Please tell us why:

Please select $%

[Cancel] [Remove]

You can remove a research item or linked data from your profile. Here’s how:

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 on 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 remove multiple research items from my profile?**

Here’s how you can remove multiple items from your profile at the same time:

1. Go to your Contributions tab
2. Click Edit list above your list next to Your research
3. Select all items that you want to remove from your profile
4. Click Confirm publications to remove them from your profile.
Please note: Publication pages for these items will only be removed from your profile but will still be visible on ResearchGate.

How do I sort my research items?

Once you've added or confirmed authorship of your research items, they're listed under the Contributions tab on your profile.

To find a specific research item on your Contributions tab, use the sub-filters to filter by Research type. You can then sort by Newest, Oldest, Recently added, or Title using the options at the top of your list. These changes aren't saved, so they'll always be sorted by newest when you come back to the page. If you want to sort by type of Research, use the filters on the right-hand side of the list. Your Contributions are filtered by default to Research.

Why is the journal not visible?

Your publications must be attributed to the journals in which they were published. If no journal information is shown, then you'll have to manually update them:

1. Click on the title of your publication, select the arrow to the right of the title and then click Edit
2. Start typing the name of the journal into the Journal field, or enter the ISSN slowly
3. Select the correct journal from the suggestions that appear in the drop-down menu
4. Click Save.

Why is the impact factor no longer displayed?

We no longer display journal metrics, like the impact factor, as they don't provide a reliable indication of the quality of any individual article or researcher published in the journal. Instead, we show your h-index and RG score, which takes your individual contributions into account. We are also looking into improving the publication and author-level metrics in order to better represent exactly how influential your research is.

Why are there duplicate research items on my profile?

Duplicates can occur when more than one author adds the same item to our database. If you have found a duplicate research item on your Contributions list, you can help us merge them by editing the item's details. ResearchGate automatically merges research where all the information is identical, including title, date of publication, author list, and journal. Please note that if you have added both of the items yourself or if the information is not identical in every way, they will not be merged automatically. Additionally, if one of the items has a DOI or both of them have different DOIs, we also don't merge them automatically.

We also do not merge articles with their linked data. We encourage our members to upload their work during all stages of the publication process, so we consider these to be separate research items.

How can I report a duplicate publication?

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 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 be merged 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.

If you have duplicates and prefer to delete one of them, simply do so by following the instructions above.
Did you find the information you were looking for?

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