

Labs

What is a lab?

A lab is a group of scientists, led by a senior researcher, who conduct experiments and research together on a specific topic. You can now quickly set up your lab on ResearchGate to showcase the work your lab is doing. With your lab you can:

- **Increase the visibility of your lab's research**
- **Attract scientists for your team**
- **Easily collaborate with other labs**

How do I create my lab?

To create your lab:

1. Go to your profile and select **Add lab** on the right-hand side
2. Enter the name of your lab head, or select **I am the lab head** and click **Continue**. If your lab head isn't on ResearchGate yet, as long as they have at least one publication on ResearchGate, you can still add them by entering their name and clicking **Continue**
3. Enter the names of your lab members. You can add all your lab members, even the ones not on ResearchGate yet, and select **Continue**
4. Describe the kind of research you're doing and add photos of your team or images representing your work and then click **Continue**. Most members include information about their research focus, current projects and experiments, and photos or images related to their work
5. Link your lab to a current project or select **Skip**
6. Choose the publications and other research you want to showcase on your lab page and click **Continue** or select **Skip**.

How do I edit my lab?

1. Go to the lab page
2. Select **Options** on the right-hand side
3. Select what you would like to edit
4. Confirm your changes.

How do I edit the featured research on my lab?

To add or remove a new research item from your lab's Featured research:

1. Go to the lab page
2. Scroll down to the **Featured research** section and click on the editing pencil icon on the right-hand side
3. In the next menu, you can select which items you wish to add to your lab by clicking on the round tick box next to a publication's title. You can add any item from your Research by browsing through the list under **Your publications**. You are also able to add publications authored by other members of the lab by going to the **Member Publications** tab
4. To remove an item, click on the **Selected** tab and simply remove the blue tick next to the title you wish to remove from this lab's Featured research
5. Select **Update** to save the changes

How do I leave a lab?

If you are the lab head or the only member, removing yourself from the lab will remove the lab in its entirety. To leave a lab:

1. Go to the lab page
2. Select **Options** on the right-hand side
3. Select **Leave lab**
4. If you are the lab head you'll notice a pop-up that says, 'Labs on ResearchGate require a lab head. If you leave this lab, it will be deleted permanently from ResearchGate and removed for all lab members'.
5. Click **Leave lab**
6. If you are a member and not the lab head, follow the instructions above. You'll notice a pop up that says, 'Are you sure you want to leave this lab?' or, if you are the last member, the pop up will say, 'Labs on ResearchGate require at least a lab head and a member. If you leave this lab, it will be automatically deleted from ResearchGate'
7. Select **Leave lab**.

How do I delete my lab?

Only lab heads can delete a lab. If you are the lab head:

1. Go to your lab page
2. Select **Options** on the right-hand side
3. Select **Delete lab**.
4. Click **Delete lab** to confirm.

