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Think of your profile as the hub for your research and the contributions you make to ResearchGate, such as questions and answers, and research interests on ResearchGate.

Your profile is broken down into seven tabs: your Overview provides a snapshot of your research; Research is where you can find your publications, questions, and answers; Experience lists details about your education and professional history; Stats shows you who is reading and citing your work; your Scores tab is designed to help measure the impact of your research, showing the RG Score and *h*-index; Following is where you can see all the work you're interested in on ResearchGate, such as publications, questions, projects, and topics and your Saved List allows you privately collect research.

You can customize your profile by [adding a photo](#), featuring publications, listing your research [skills and expertise](#), adding information about your [research experience](#), and keep up with and manage the research you follow. Next to your profile photo, you'll also see the option to edit your qualifications and current activity. Your current activity allows you to share whether you are looking for potential collaborators, a new position, or feedback on your work and makes it easier for other researchers to connect with you. For more information about customizing your profile, see [Account settings](#).

Your business card helps increase your visibility on ResearchGate. It is a brief summary of your profile that can be displayed across the platform, so make sure your profile information and current activity are up to date. Only you see the preview of your business card on your own profile, but it can be shown on other researchers' stats pages when you interact with their work. It's also visible in other places across the platform, for example when someone hovers over your name. Your business card cannot be edited directly, it simply displays information that is editable elsewhere on your profile. For example, if your business card displays a previous institution, you can update your institution information and the change will then be reflected in your business card.

To edit your skills and expertise, disciplines languages, and introduction, go to your Overview tab and click on Edit at the top-right corner of the About me section. Select the field that you'd like to edit, make the necessary changes, and then click **Save**.

To edit your professional experience, education, and grants details, go to your Experience tab and click on Edit at the top-right corner of the section you wish to edit. You'll then be able to make the necessary changes, and then click **Save**.

Your Following tab is where you can find all the publications, questions, projects, and topics you're following on ResearchGate. It is where you can come back to all the research you're interested in later, and easily manage the content you're keeping track of. For more information, see [Following research](#).

Your Saved List is where you can privately store any publications you discover on ResearchGate that you'd like to return to easily later.

## Top questions

Duplicate profiles are sometimes created because of the various ways you can sign up to ResearchGate. If you know the login emails for both of your accounts, you can merge them quickly and easily. Merging allows you to transfer all your publications (and related data, such as citations and reads) from your duplicate account to the account you wish to keep. Profile views, followers, followings, and questions will not be transferred. The duplicate account will then be removed.

**Please note:** You can only keep an account that you are currently able to access.

Here's how to merge your accounts:

1. Log in to the ResearchGate account you wish to keep
2. Visit the profile page of your duplicate account
3. On the Experience tab, select the Report profile button
4. In the pop-up window, select Report duplicate
5. Enter the email addresses associated with both of your accounts and select Save.

Your request to merge your accounts will be reviewed and you will receive an email confirmation from us when the merge has been completed.

If you cannot recall both of your login emails, please [Contact us](#) for further assistance.

You can change the name associated with your account in a few easy steps:

1. Go to your [Profile Settings](#) page
2. Click on the **Edit name**
3. Update your name information in the box that appears
4. Click **Save** to confirm your changes.

**Note:** Due to security reasons you can only change your name three times within a 30-day period.

For more information about changing your account name and adding other names you've published under, click [here](#).

Your ResearchGate profile's URL is generated automatically from the name on your profile, so we cannot manually edit it for you. However, if the original account with your name no longer exists, you can reuse this URL by editing your name.

1. Click the arrow in the top right-hand corner of any ResearchGate page.
2. Click **Settings**
3. Click on the **Edit name**
4. Update your name information in the dialog box
5. Click **Save** to confirm your changes.

Please note: Due to security reasons you can only change your name three times within a 30-day period.

1. Go to your [Account Settings](#) page
2. Under **Email address**, click on **Add additional email**
3. Type in the email address you want to use as your login
4. Click **Save**
5. A confirmation email will be sent to your new email address. Click the link in this email to complete the verification process
6. Then go back to your [Account Settings](#) page.
7. Click the **Set as primary** button next to the email address you've just added to make it the primary email address for your ResearchGate account.

**Don't forget** to use this new email address when you next log in to ResearchGate.

1. Go to your [profile](#)
2. Click on the default profile image on the left-hand side
3. Choose a photo from Google's image search of your name or click the **Upload new photo** button to upload one yourself
4. Crop your photo as desired and click **Save** to confirm your changes.

**Note:** Images must be at least 180x180 pixels and no larger than 4MB. We support \*.jpg, \*.jpeg, \*.gif, or \*.png, and we suggest you use a photo that fits into the shape of a square.

**Don't forget:** As ResearchGate is a professional network, your profile photo and account should reflect this. Please don't upload a photo of anyone (or anything) else!

To block someone from following you, simply visit their profile, click on the **Experience** tab, then click on **Block researcher** in the menu at the bottom right.

Blocking someone means they'll be removed from your list of followers and won't be able to message you or see updates relating to you. They will not be notified of your action against them. However, blocking works both ways, so your contact with them will be limited in the same way.

Please note that it is currently not possible to block co-authors completely. Any updates concerning your shared publications will not be blocked.

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