Reader visibility

How can I see who has read my publications or projects?

To start seeing who has read your work, you first need to allow other people to see when you read their research. Reading activity on ResearchGate is a mutual relationship. Only when both you and an author or project collaborator whose research you are reading allow others to see your reading activity, will you be able to see that you have read each other's publications or projects.

You can do this by enabling a setting in your **Privacy settings**:

* Under the section **Your activity on ResearchGate**, select the types of reading activity that you'd like to allow authors or project collaborators to see.

Once you have enabled this setting, a great place to see your readers is in your **Weekly stats report**, where you can get detailed information about your audience and what they've read.

Note: You can change your reader settings at any time.

When can other people see that I've read their publications or projects?

In order for publication authors or project collaborators to see that you've read their work, you both need to make your reading activity visible by selecting the option in your **Privacy settings**.

Because reading activity on ResearchGate is a mutual relationship, only the authors or collaborators who have enabled this setting will see that you read their work, provided you have also allowed this.

Sometimes, some but not all co-authors of a publication will have enabled this setting. For example, after allowing others to see your reading activity, you read a publication written by 2 co-authors. If only one of the co-authors has allowed others to see when they've read their work, then only that one author will see that you read their publication.

If either you or an author or project collaborator has not enabled this setting, then they will not see that you've read their research.

You can enable the setting to allow people to see when you read their publications and projects from your **Privacy settings**. Under the section **Your activity on ResearchGate**, select the types of reading activity that you'd like to allow authors or project collaborators to see.

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