Profile

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 six tabs: your Profile provides a snapshot of your research, affiliations and experience; Research is where you can find your publications, questions, and answers; Stats shows you who is reading, citing and mentioning your work; your Scores tab is designed to help measure the impact of your research, showing your RG Score; 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, current activity and your personal website. 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, education, grant or award details, journal roles, memberships or Orcid iD, go to your Profile tab and click on Edit at the top-right corner of the section you wish to edit. Select the field that you'd like to edit, 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

If you have two ResearchGate accounts, you can merge them quickly and easily. Merging allows you to transfer all your publications (including their related stats, such as citations and reads) from one account to the account that you want to keep. Profile views, followers, followings, and questions will not be transferred. When you merge accounts, one of them is removed

Merging accounts is irreversible, so be careful when choosing which account to delete.

Note: You can only keep an account that you are currently able to access.

Here's how you can merge your accounts:

1. Log in to the ResearchGate account you want to keep
2. Visit the profile page of your other account
3. Select **More** on the right-hand side of the page and select **Report profile**
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 edit your name in a few steps:

1. Go to your profile and click on **Edit** next to your name
2. Click on the **Edit name** button at the bottom of the box that appears
3. Update your name and click **Save** to confirm your changes.

Note: For 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. Go to your profile and click on **Edit** next to your name
2. Click on the **Edit name** button at the bottom of the box that appears
3. Update your name and click **Save** to confirm your changes.

Note: For 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 email and click **Save**
4. A confirmation email will be sent to your new email address. Click the link in the email to complete the verification process
5. Then go back to your Account Settings page
6. 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.

Here's how to add a photo to your profile:

1. Go to your profile
2. Click on your current profile picture at the top left of your profile page
3. Click the **Upload new photo** button to upload an existing photo, or the **Take photo** button to take a new photo
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 circle.

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.

For more help with profile photos, check out this page in the help center.

You can block a ResearchGate member through these steps:

1. Go to the profile of the researcher you want to block
2. Select **More** on the right-hand side of the page and select **Block**

When you block a ResearchGate member, they won't be able to follow you or message you. Blocking works both ways, so your contact with them will be limited in the same way.

ResearchGate members that you've blocked also won't see updates about your activity. Except for co-authors, who'll still get updates about your shared publications.

Note: ResearchGate members that you block will not be notified that you blocked them.