

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?

ResearchGate profiles can only be linked to one lab at a time. If you're already in a lab, you'll see the name of your lab and a list of members in the Lab section of your profile. You would need to leave that lab before creating a new one.

To create your lab:

1. Go to the Lab section on the right-hand side of your [profile](#)
2. Click on **Add your lab**
3. 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**
4. Enter the names of your lab members. You can add all your lab members, even the ones not on ResearchGate yet, and select **Continue**
5. Describe the kind of research you're doing and then click **Continue**. Most members include information about their research focus, current projects and experiments, and photos or images related to their work
6. Link your lab to a current project or select **Skip**
7. Choose the publications and other research you want to showcase on your lab page and click **Continue** or select **Skip**.

Once you've finished setting up your lab, you and other researchers will see your lab's name on your profile.

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 of a lab, removing yourself will result in the lab being deleted. 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.