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If you have already submitted an authorship request for a publication or author name, please note that all authorship requests are curated manually - this means that it can sometimes take time. We thank you for your patience.

## What is the difference between confirming authorship of a publication and adding it manually?

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If you published a research item under a different name, adding an alternative name lets you easily confirm authorship of your research:

You can add an alternative name in a few easy steps:

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If you're having problems confirming authorship of a publication, it's usually because your account name doesn't match the name you published under. The best thing you can do here is to add an alternative author name to your ResearchGate account (see above).

If you have tried this and still can't confirm authorship of a publication, you can request authorship of it directly from its ResearchGate page:

1. Go to the publication page by clicking on the publication's title
2. Click on the arrow to the right of the title and select **Claim authorship** from the drop-down list
3. Select the name you published with or click **Add name**. A box will appear so that you can add additional information
4. Click on the blue **Request authorship** button.

We take erroneous authorship claims very seriously and review each case manually. As this can sometimes take a while, we appreciate your patience during this process.

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## Scientific contributions pages

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### Actions

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If, when hovering over a name you see 'Do you know this author?', this is a scientific contributions page. See above for more details.

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3. Tell us what's happened in the box that appears and, if possible, include links to external services where your work is published
4. Click on the blue **Request authorship** button.

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We try our best to accurately match publications to their authors, but mistakes can sometimes be made. The best way to remove a publication from your profile is to:

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If you need to remove more than one publication, you can do this by going to your **Research** tab and clicking on **Edit list** above your list of publications.