How to unfollow, block, or report another researcher

If you would just like to see less of what a particular researcher shares and does on ResearchGate, you can unfollow them. If you want to make sure another researcher is removed from your list of followers and can't message you or see updates about you, you can block them. If you want to report a researcher who is violating our **Community Guidelines** or **Terms of Service**, you can use our report profile feature. We explain each of these options below.

If you want to report something posted or sent by a researcher, please report it to us directly from the content. Learn more about reporting content **here**.

How can I unfollow someone on ResearchGate?

You can unfollow a researcher to see less of what they share and do on ResearchGate. Here's how:

1. Go to the profile of the researcher you want to unfollow
2. Click the white **Unfollow** button on the right-hand side of their profile.

How can I block someone on ResearchGate?

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.

To unblock a researcher, visit their profile and select the blue **Actions** button on the right-hand side of the page and select **Unblock.**

How can I report someone on ResearchGate?

1. To report a researcher who is violating our **Community Guidelines** or **Terms of Service**, follow these simple steps:

    a. Go to the profile of the researcher you want to report
    b. Select **More** on the right-hand side of the page and select **Report profile**
    c. Explain how this researcher is violating our **Community Guidelines** or **Terms of Service**, and click **Report misuse** to finish.

How can I report a researcher who has confirmed authorship of my publications?

Our publication search algorithm is designed to help you quickly confirm authorship of your publications on ResearchGate. The ease of this process means mistakes can sometimes be made, so if another researcher has claimed to be your co-author, it is usually the result of an honest mistake.

If you notice that someone has mistakenly confirmed authorship of your publication(s), please provide us with URLs to their ResearchGate profile and some publication pages that they have erroneously claimed through the **Contact form**.

We take erroneous authorship claims very seriously and review each case manually, so please bear with us.

How do I report to ResearchGate that a researcher has passed away?

If you want to let us know that a researcher has passed away, please **contact us** and include the following details:

- The researcher's name
- The URL of their ResearchGate profile
- A link to their obituary and/or a notice on their institutional page.

As soon as we can confirm the report, we'll remove the researcher's personal contact information from their profile and prevent them from appearing in notification emails you and your colleagues may receive in the future. You might still see them appearing in your notification emails if their work is published after their passing.