Citations

From your **Stats** tab on your profile, you can see the citations your work has received, giving you a detailed way to track your impact.

You can find out how many citations your publications on ResearchGate are getting and where they were cited. You can also see the profiles of the people who have cited you.

When possible, you will also be able to see exactly what was said about your work and view the citation in context within the publication where it was cited. This information can be also found in your weekly stats report, which you can access from your Stats **tab**.

Also in the citations section of your Stats tab, you'll find your h-index. The h-index measures your research output and citation impact. You can learn more about your h-index and how it's calculated here.

On your **Stats tab** you can find all the citations of your work over time, and choose how you want to track your citations with a weekly, monthly, or yearly breakdown.

Why are some of my citations not shown?

We regularly import citation data from different sources and do our best to ensure accuracy. However, while citations using standard citation styles are usually displayed accurately on ResearchGate, there are some cases where this can be difficult.

Here's what you can do to help your citations appear on ResearchGate:

- Make sure the citing research item is on ResearchGate
- Check to see if the research item has complete and accurate metadata (e.g., publication date, journal, abstract)
- Make sure any full-text PDFs were not created by scanning a hard copy, as we can't extract citations from scanned copies

If you recently added a publication to ResearchGate and notice that citations are missing, please be patient as it can take some time to extract all its citations. Please also note that we aren't able to manually add your citations from other sources, e.g., Google Scholar.

We understand that it's frustrating when citations aren't displayed, so we're always working on new ways to improve how we extract and match citations.

Why did my citation count decrease?

There are two possible reasons why your citation count or h-index decreased. It is possible that you were cited by a publication that was duplicated in our system. We then merged the duplicates which resulted in the loss of a citation. Alternatively, an author of a publication that cited you may have removed their publication from our database entirely. Since there are over a billion citations in our database, we cannot further investigate the cause of any particular fluctuation in citation count or h-index.