Establishing your unique scholarly identity with an ORCID iD

ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor iD) is a global non-profit registry which provides researchers with a unique alpha-numeric identifier (an ORCID iD) plus a mechanism for linking research outputs to these identifiers.

For more information about ORCID, see http://orcid.org.

Why do you need an ORCID iD?

You need an ORCID iD because other researchers may have the same name as you, you may have published papers under variations of your name, or even under a different name altogether. If your publications are not uniquely linked to you (and not another author with the same name) then it becomes very difficult and time-consuming to determine your total citation count with any degree of accuracy. See the short video, ‘What is ORCID’: https://vimeo.com/97150912.

Registering for an ORCID iD

There is no cost involved for researchers to register for an ORCID iD. The ORCID iD is a 16 digit number (e.g. 0000-0001-6349-5678) which can also be displayed in the form of a URL which links to your ORCID profile page (e.g. http://orcid.org/0000-0001-6349-5678).

QUT researchers should register via the QUT ‘Create or Connect your ORCID iD’ button which can be accessed via the QUT Library website: https://www.library.qut.edu.au/research/publish_impact/authorprofiles/orcid.jsp.

The button opens a QUT-specific ORCID registration form which authorises QUT to collect your new (or existing) ORCID iD and use it in relevant QUT systems including your public-facing Staff Profile page and the Research Activity Database (RAD).

Before using the button, be sure that you are logged in to QUT using your own authentication credentials or you will be connecting your ORCID iD to the credentials of the person who is logged in. Do not register or connect on behalf of another staff member. Use the 'Personal Account' sign in option. Your QUT email address and the password you choose will become your ORCID sign in details. If you ever want to change the email address or the password, this can be done via the ‘Account Settings’ tab on your ORCID record.

When you close the pop-up, your ORCID iD will appear below the button.

For QUT staff, a hypertext ORCID icon, linked to your ORCID record, will automatically appear in your Staff Profile page within 24 hours. http://staff.qut.edu.au/

Adding information to your ORCID record

Ideally, you should add some information about yourself to your ORCID record. This information will be help differentiate you from other researchers with the same name.

To add information to a section, click on the pen icon.

Specify who should be allowed to see this information.

Options include: anyone (public) trusted parties (authorised by you) or just you (private)

When you have finished entering this information, remember to save the changes.
Enriching your ORCID record

Add at least the following information:

Also known as: Enter all variations of your name which may appear on your publications plus any other (i.e. different) names you may have published under.
Country: Select Australia from the list.
Keywords: Add some keywords which describe the subject matter in your publications and grants.

Add your publications (works)

Publication details can be imported from Scopus, Web of Science and CrossRef using the ‘wizards’ provided. They can be added by uploading a file in BibTeX format (which is one of the export options for QUT ePrints) or they can be created manually. For detailed instructions on using the BibTeX import option or the database wizards, refer to the relevant ORCID Guides which are available from the QUT Library website.

If any of your publications can be found in Scopus, then it is highly recommended that you use the Scopus Wizard to add them, as this pulls your Scopus Author ID into your ORCID record and pushes your ORCID iD into the Scopus records. This ensures that your publications in Scopus will be correctly linked to you and not another researcher with the same name. For more information, see the guide on the Scopus website: https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/support/authorprofile.