What is ORCID?

Connecting Research and Researchers

http://orcid.org/about/what-is-orcid

DISTINGUISH YOURSELF IN THREE EASY STEPS

ORCID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher and, through integration in key research workflows such as manuscript and grant submission, supports automated linkages between you and your professional activities ensuring that your work is recognized.

1. REGISTER. Get your unique ORCID identifier Register at https://orcid.org/register. Registration takes 30 seconds.
2. ADD YOUR INFO. Enhance your ORCID record with your professional information and link to your other identifiers (such as Scopus or ResearcherID or LinkedIn).
3. USE YOUR ORCID ID. Include your ORCID identifier on your Webpage, when you submit publications, apply for grants, and in any research workflow to ensure you get credit for your work.

As researchers and scholars, you face the ongoing challenge of distinguishing your research activities from those of others with similar names. You need to be able to easily and uniquely attach your identity to research objects such as datasets, equipment, articles, media stories, citations, experiments, patents, and notebooks. As you collaborate across disciplines, institutions and borders, you must interact with an increasing number and diversity of research information systems. Entering data over and over again can be time-consuming, and often frustrating.

ORCID is an open, non-profit, community-driven effort to create and maintain a registry of unique researcher identifiers and a transparent method of linking research activities and outputs to these identifiers. ORCID is unique in its ability to reach across disciplines, research sectors and national boundaries. It is a hub that connects researchers and research through the embedding of ORCID identifiers in key workflows, such as research profile maintenance, manuscript submissions, grant applications and patent applications.

ORCID provides two core functions: (1) a registry to obtain a unique identifier and manage a record of activities, and (2) APIs that support system-to-system communication and authentication. ORCID makes its code available under an open source license, and will post an annual public data file under a CC0 waiver for free download.

The ORCID Registry is available free of charge to individuals, who may obtain an ORCID identifier, manage their record of activities, and search for others in the Registry. Organizations may become members to link their records to ORCID identifiers, to update ORCID records, to receive updates from ORCID, and to register their employees and students for ORCID identifiers.

ORCID records hold non-sensitive information such as name, email, organization and research activities. ORCID understands the fundamental need for individuals to control how their data are shared, and provides tools to manage data privacy. We take steps to protect your information, consistent with the principles set forth in our Privacy Policy, which are intended to comply with the Safe Harbor Principles issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce.
ORCID Integration with Pivot Targets Best Funding Sources

Locating and securing research funding is becoming increasingly competitive, as funding opportunities are limited and the number of researchers vying for those dollars continues to grow.

With ProQuest Pivot, researchers, faculty and research administrators can easily explore new avenues for funding, view funding opportunities uniquely matched to their scholar profile, collaborate with colleagues, and build a funding strategy that supports both immediate and long-term funding needs.

Last week, Pivot launched an exciting new integration with ORCID, further enhancing the accuracy of profiles in Pivot and ultimately improving funding recommendations for Pivot users.

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With this new integration, Pivot users now have the ability to dynamically link to their ORCID profile as maintained in ORCID’s growing, community-driven scholar profile repository. Users can also set a permission flag with ORCID which will enable ProQuest and Pivot to receive automated profile data updates from ORCID in the future, thus saving users time and effort.

The next phase of integration
Pivot will also be including ISNIs (International Standard Name Identifiers) in future development. ISNIs identify contributors to intellectual property regardless of domain going beyond the audience of researchers covered by ORCID to include categories of content creators such as professional musicians, and are also assigned to deceased scholars and researchers. This way, Pivot provides maximum interoperability with other data sets, some of which will be using ORCID and others of which will be using ISNI, depending on the use case.

How does this benefit users?
Pivot is routinely and automatically adding publications and awarded sources of research funding to matching profiles using its proprietary linking algorithms. As of this release, profiles in Pivot now contain more than a half million linked grants, which in turn allows Pivot to infer more accurate suggestions for scientific collaborators, and enhanced matching of researchers to relevant funding opportunities for which they can apply. The integration of ORCID into the Pivot system further targets the best funding recommendations for all users.

Gain a competitive edge when identifying funding opportunities with ProQuest Pivot, and its new ORCID integration. Try out Pivot today! Go to http://pivot.cos.com/ 13 Aug 2014