

FAQs

These FAQs are intended to help societies, editors, and peer review support specialists answer questions about the ORCID implementation.

What is ORCID?

Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) is a not-for-profit organization that provides persistent unique identifiers for researchers, much like a DOI does for a published article. Researchers can sign up for an ORCID for free via an easy registration process on orcid.org or via ScholarOne or the Author Gateway. Learn more at <http://orcid.org/content/about-orcid>, in the graphic on the last page of this document, or at <https://vimeo.com/97150912>.

Do co-authors need ORCIDs?

ORCIDs for co-authors are encouraged. Corresponding authors can ask their co-authors to link their ScholarOne accounts to their ORCIDs.

How is the ORCID collected?

Both ScholarOne and the Author Gateway collect ORCIDs via a link out to orcid.org. The user is returned to their previous screen after the ORCID is collected and verified. ORCIDs cannot be entered manually; this ensures that the ORCID is valid.

Why is IEEE implementing this policy?

ORCID disambiguates author names, allowing for accurate attribution and improved discoverability.

Do any other publishers have this policy?

IEEE joins 16 other major journal publishers in requiring an ORCID for submission. An additional 40+ publishers request but do not require ORCIDs during submission. You can read more at <https://orcid.org/content/requiring-orcid-publication-workflows-open-letter>.

Does the author need to add their ORCID to every manuscript they submit?

The author needs to add their ORCID only once per ScholarOne site. If the author has an account on another journal's ScholarOne site, then the author will follow the same process for that journal.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please contact Tiffany McKerahan, Author Engagement and Support Manager, at t.mckerahan@ieee.org.

Get Recognized

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ORCID is a registry of unique identifiers for researchers and scholars that is open, non-proprietary, transparent, mobile, and community-based. ORCID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other contributor and supports automated linkages among all your professional activities.

ORCID is about disambiguating your research from others' with the same or similar names. Without disambiguation, we will continue to manually weed our bibliographies. We have better things to do with our time.

Marc Greenberg, Professor of Slavic Languages & Literatures, University of Kansas, U.S.

To keep track of a researcher and his or her works throughout their career, it makes sense to have a unique identifier. I believe that ORCID is here to stay.

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ORCID, an independent, not-for-profit organization designed to benefit all stakeholders, is unique in its ability to reach across disciplines, research sectors, and national boundaries. The ability to connect research and researchers enhances the scientific discovery process and improves the efficiency of research funding and collaboration. ORCID is engaging with all sectors of the research community to realize this vision.

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How can I ensure I receive credit and recognition for all of my contributions? Shouldn't there be a way to reduce time spent on administrative and reporting requirements? How can I maintain control over my own record of contributions?
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