

How researchers benefit from ORCID

Short term pain for long time gain

ORCID **saves you time** by acting as a trusted and consistent link to your identity. When integrated into journal platforms, funding agencies, and other systems, it automatically pulls your information, reducing the need for repeated data entry about you and your work. This ensures your details are **accurate** and **up to date** across multiple platforms. For those whose works are not reflected in linked databases, it is possible to upload information in bulk (when formatted properly) – a time saver!

A growing number of funders are requiring ORCID for applications, with several Canadian government and funding agencies having recently joined including SSHRC, NSERC, the Bank of Canada, and the National Research Council.

Can your data be sold?

ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) is a **non-profit organization** and cannot be sold. It is governed by a board of directors made up of representatives from its member organizations, including universities, research institutions, publishers, and funding bodies, such as [Canadian Science Publishing](#), [NSERC](#), [SSHRC](#), [Western Libraries](#), and [more](#).

ORCID is one of several kinds of Persistent Identifiers (PIDs)

By uniquely identifying researchers (e.g., ORCID iDs) and publications (e.g., DOIs), [persistent identifiers \(PIDs\)](#) eliminate confusion caused by common or changing names, ensuring that work is properly credited. They also enable seamless interoperability between systems, making it easier to link publications, datasets, and grants across platforms like journals, repositories, and funding agencies. Ensuring accurate attribution, linking, and discoverability of research (e.g., pre-print linked to final publication and shared data set), PIDs provide **long-term, reliable access** to scholarly content by maintaining permanent links, even if platforms change.

This **fosters trust and transparency** in the research process, ensuring the integrity and accessibility of the academic record over time.

For background:

- PIDs (e.g., ORCID) are for people
- DOIs are for outputs (e.g., articles and data sets)
- ROR is one ID for organizations

ORCID is a unique identifier and profile

ORCID is an **authoritative** and trusted "turnkey" that verifies a researcher's identity across platforms, ensuring that the person claiming a particular set of contributions or accomplishments is, in fact, the correct individual. This **builds trust** in the accuracy of authorship and researcher profiles.

ORCID plays a role in [DORA principles](#) because of its trustworthiness and authority.

Find more information at <https://info.orcid.org/researchers/>