ORCID is a global, community-led, non-profit organization that provides digital, persistent identifiers to researchers so they can be uniquely identified and reliably linked to their professional information (affiliations, contributions, expertise, etc.). ORCID identifiers offer an effective solution for distinguishing members of the research community, thereby enhancing their recognition and the discoverability of their research work.

The ORCID registry is free for researchers, who can register, maintain their profile, and share their ORCID iD along with the associated information. Research organizations can integrate ORCID identifiers into their systems and processes using a free public application programming interface (API). They can also join as members to access additional API features, technical support, and other exclusive benefits.

How to obtain an ORCID ID

You can register here if you wish to obtain your own ORCID ID. The following information is required for registration: first name, email address, password, profile visibility settings, and consent to the terms of use. Last name and additional email addresses are optional. After registering, you will receive an email from ORCID containing a unique link to verify your email address. Once verified, you can begin filling out your ORCID profile.

Advantages and benefits of ORCID identifiers ORCID IDs notably allow you to:

- Uniquely identify a person and distinguish them from other researchers with the same name.
- Reduce the time spent on data entry and simplify application and reporting processes.
- Serve as a unique identifier usable throughout a career across the entire research ecosystem (funding agencies, academic or college institutions, scientific dissemination platforms, etc.).
- Ensure that scientific contributions are correctly identified, discoverable, and recognized.
- Enable deeper analysis of the outcomes and impact of research funded by the FRQ.

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