What is an ORCiD?

ORCiD (Open Researcher Community ID) is a tool to help you distinguish your name in the digital haystack. The contents of an ORCiD is like a Wikipedia bio that you create and manage: your name, educational history, employment history, grant funding, and “works” that can range from conventional academic publications to artistic performances – as much or as little detail as your see fit to include. The ORCiD iD itself is a smart URL that you can use to link your works with your name in a way that computers understand. Registration for an ORCiD is free of charge and fast.

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Create an ORCiD

Point your browser to http://orcid.org/register. Fill in your first name, last name, preferred email, and password (write it down!). That’s it! Next, add as much information to your ORCiD as you can. It is especially important to add your websites and other researcher identifiers, like Google Scholar Profile and ResearcherID. Don’t forget to add “James Madison University” to the education or employment section - it helps promote visibility for your Alma Mater.
How to use your ORCiD
Add it (ex: orcid.org/0000-0003-2861-3477) to all of your publications. If the publisher does not provide a dedicated field for it, include it in your institutional affiliation in a footnote or endnote.

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Add it to the profiles you maintain for the professional organizations to which you belong.

Add it to your email signature.

Add it to your CV — this is particularly important if your CV is online.

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