What is an ORCiD?

ORCiD (Open Researcher & Contributor ID) is a tool to help you distinguish your name in the digital haystack. The contents of an ORCiD are 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 you 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.

Why should LET Staff get an ORCiD?

In order to promote informed ORCiD adoption by JMU faculty and students, you need hands-on experience with creating an ORCiD profile for yourself and applying your ORCiD iD to your own professional output, whether email signatures or conventional scholarship.

And, part of the Madison Plan involves bringing favorable publicity to the institution. Creation of an ORCiD profile, with a correct attribution of JMU as an employer or degree-granting institution, promotes the reputation of JMU, whether or not your position requires you to publish scholarship or anything else. LET is uniquely positioned to recognize the importance of this, and to effect ORCiD iD adoption through educational outreach, whether liaison, SRT, Innovation Services, Public Services, administration or other LET staff member.

ORCiD 4 LET Staff

For more information about ORCiD 4 LET Staff, visit http://guides.lib.jmu.edu/orcid/orcid4let_staff

Wants YOU to get an ORCiD
Step 1: 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 lends internet fame (visibility) to JMU.

Step 2: Learn to use your ORCiD
1) Add a link to your ORCiD profile as part of your Outlook email signature. This is the single most important step in linking your ORCiD profile to your employer next to listing “James Madison University” in the “Employment” section of your ORCiD profile.

2) When the time rolls around for updating your JMU business card, consider adding your ORCiD ID to it.

3) If you publish analog or online, traditional or non-traditional scholarship, consider adding your full ORCiD identifier to it. Many peer-reviewed journals now support ORCiD ID inclusion; some require it.

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

5) If you maintain a personal website, and it makes business sense to link it with your ORCiD profile, do so by adding your full ORCiD identifier.

6) Reciprocally, if you follow suggestions #4 or #5, then be sure to add the URLs of these web pages to your ORCiD profile in the first section, under “Websites”.

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

Step 3: Try some ORCiD integrations
Your ORCiD profile can be configured to import your bibliographies from Scopus, Web of Science, CrossRef, Modern Language Association International Bibliography, and others. Create an account for yourself in openVIVO.org using your ORCiD credentials and populate it with your ORCiD profile.
Visit http://support.orcid.org/knowledgebase/articles/188278-link-works-to-your-orcid-record-from-another-system