



Researcher identification, ORCIDs and researcher e-visibility

Unisa academics have for the past three years been encouraged to create individual ORCIDs, or open Researcher and Contributor Identifiers. Globally, academics use their unique researcher identification to maintain complete lists of their research outputs and to generate citation metrics such as their h-indexes. Researcher identifiers have effectively replaced résumé and CVs.

At Unisa, individual ORCIDs are expected to be populated to an acceptable standard and to include links to the three mandatory researcher identifiers, namely ResearcherID (Web of Science/Publons), the Scopus Author ID, and the Google Scholar Citations profile, as well as other (optional) profiles such as ResearchGate, Academia.edu, among others. It is the responsibility of Unisa researchers to maintain and update their ORCIDs.

In South Africa, ORCIDs are required when applying for National Research Foundation (NRF) rating and, increasingly, researchers are required to produce their ORCIDs when submitting articles to academic journals, wish to attend or read papers at conferences, or apply for positions at academic institutions. Unisa's Personal Librarians will assist Unisa researchers with the creation of their ORCIDs. Below find the links to online libguides on e-visibility, NRF Rating preparation, as well as a list of Unisa Personal Librarians.

Relevant links

Register for an ORCID ID

<https://orcid.org/register>

Personal Librarians:

<https://www.unisa.ac.za/sites/corporate/default/Library/Library-services/Research-support/Personal-librarians>

Library guide on researcher e-visibility:

<http://libguides.unisa.ac.za/e-visibility>

Library guide on NRF Rating Preparation:

<http://libguides.unisa.ac.za/NRF-Rating-Preparation>