The Essential Global Digital ID for Researchers

Securing your academic identity in a connected world.

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A guide to understanding, creating, and using your ORCID iD.

Your Permanent Digital Passport for Research

ORCID is a global system that provides a persistent researcher identifier. Just as a passport connects a traveler to different countries, this ID links you to your outputs (papers, datasets, reviews) and affiliations permanently.
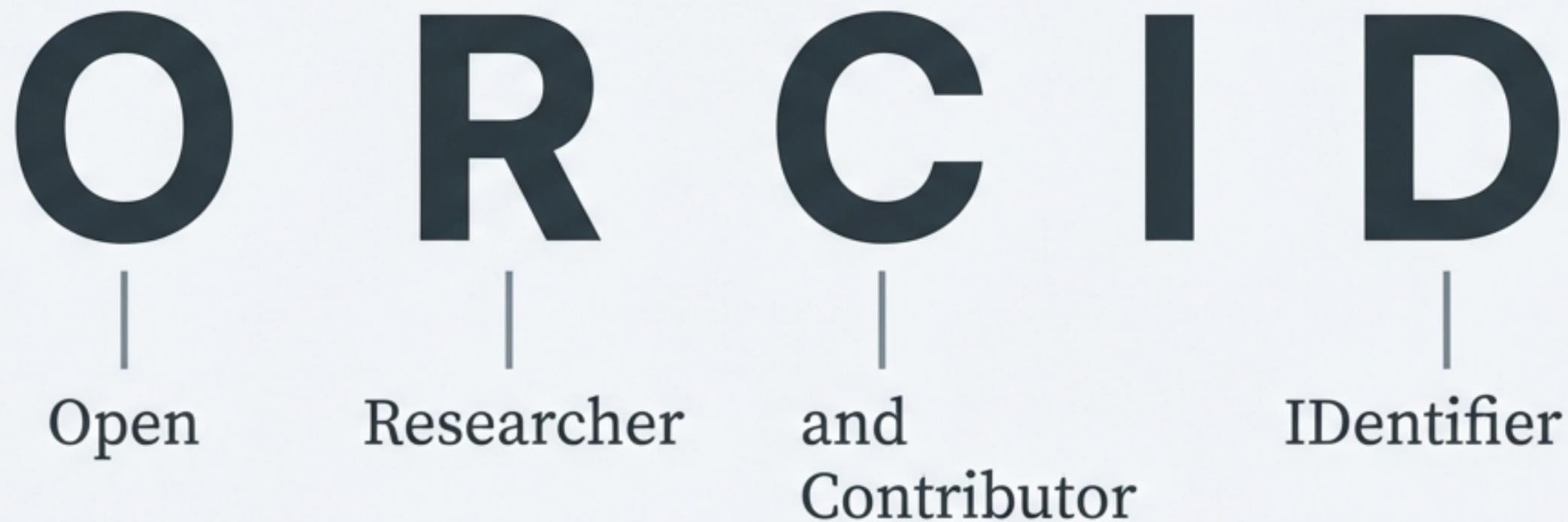
Definition iD
An ORCID iD is a unique, persistent identifier for a person involved in research, scholarship, or innovation.
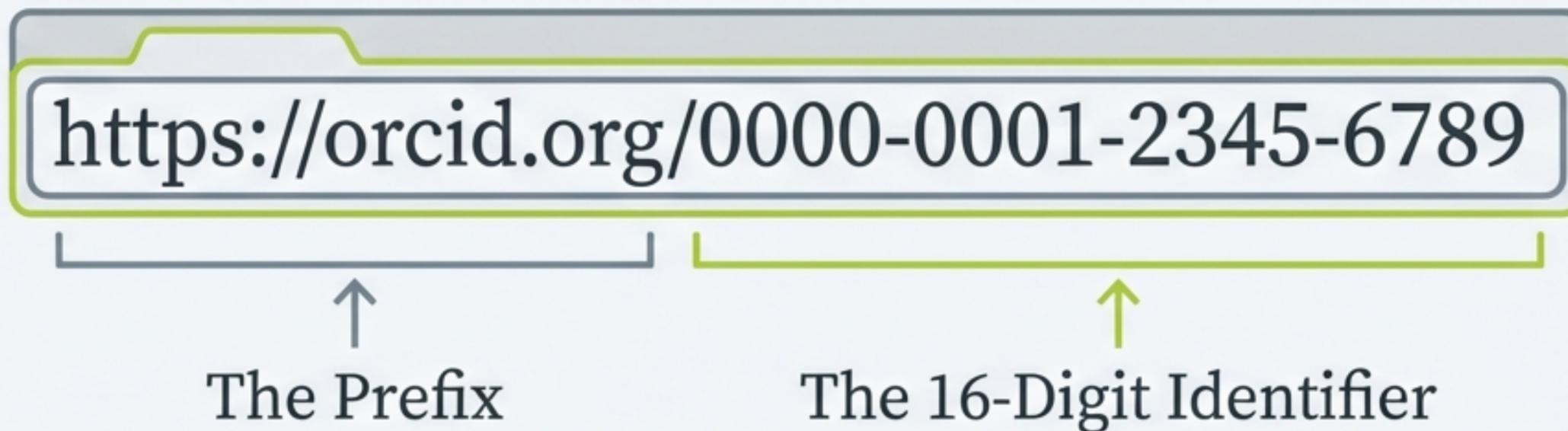
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Deconstructing the Identifier

Top Section
The Acronym

O R C I D

Open   Researcher   and   IDentifier
                                 Contributor

The Structure
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https://orcid.org/0000-0001-2345-6789

The Prefix   The 16-Digit Identifier

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Solving the Crisis of Attribution

Why do we need a unique identifier?

Confusion

J. Smith

John A. Smith

John A. Smith

Smith, John

Smith, John

J. A. Smyth
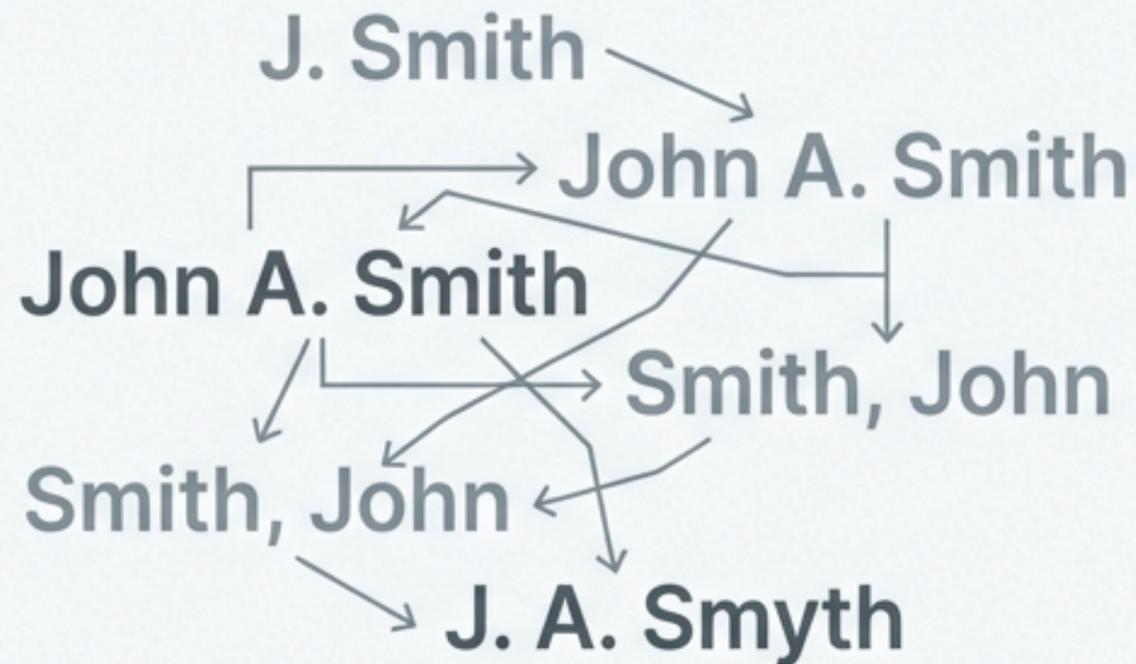
Name Confusion: Similar names, marriage name changes, and spelling variations lead to lost credits.

Clarity

Disambiguation
Distinguish your work from others with the same name.

Trust
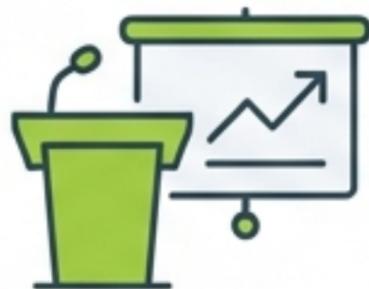Create a verified link between you, your institution, and your contributions.

Permanence
Maintain a consistent record across time, borders, and job changes.

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Who Needs an ORCID iD?

It is not just for tenured professors. The system covers anyone producing scholarly work.

Researchers

Lecturers

PhD Scholars

Postgraduate Students

Independent Researchers

Contributors & Educators

Your Key to the Research Ecosystem

Submissions
Publishers require an ORCID iD during journal and conference submissions.
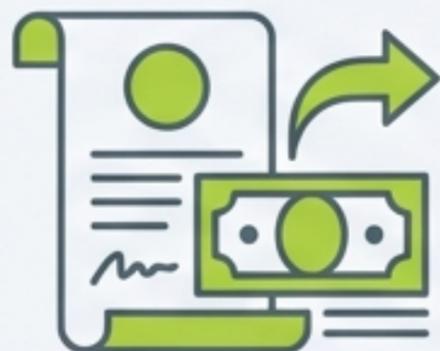
Indexing
Connects your profile to major databases like Scopus and Web of Science.

Funding
Grants and reporting bodies use it to track outputs consistently.

Peer Review
Systems record reviewing activity to your record, giving credit for service.

Strategic Benefits for Your Career

Efficiency
Faster journal submission through auto-fill features and consistent metadata entry.

Visibility
Better discoverability of your work and proper attribution, ensuring you get credit for every output.

Interoperability
Easier linking of publications across different platforms and import systems like Crossref.

Portability
One profile that stays with you throughout your career, even if you change institutions or countries.
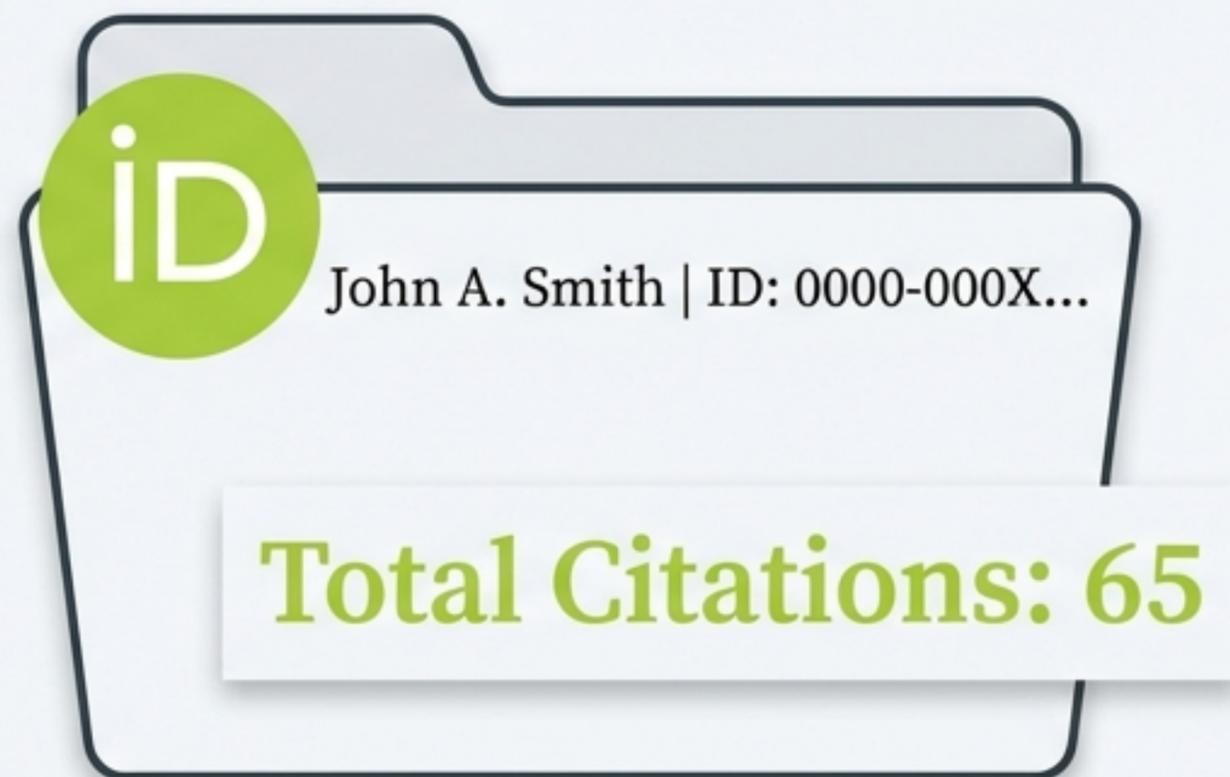
Clarity in a Crowded Field

Ensuring proper attribution for common names.

Without ORCID

J. Smith
(Citations: 12)

John Smith
(Citations: 45)

J. A. Smith
(Citations: 8)
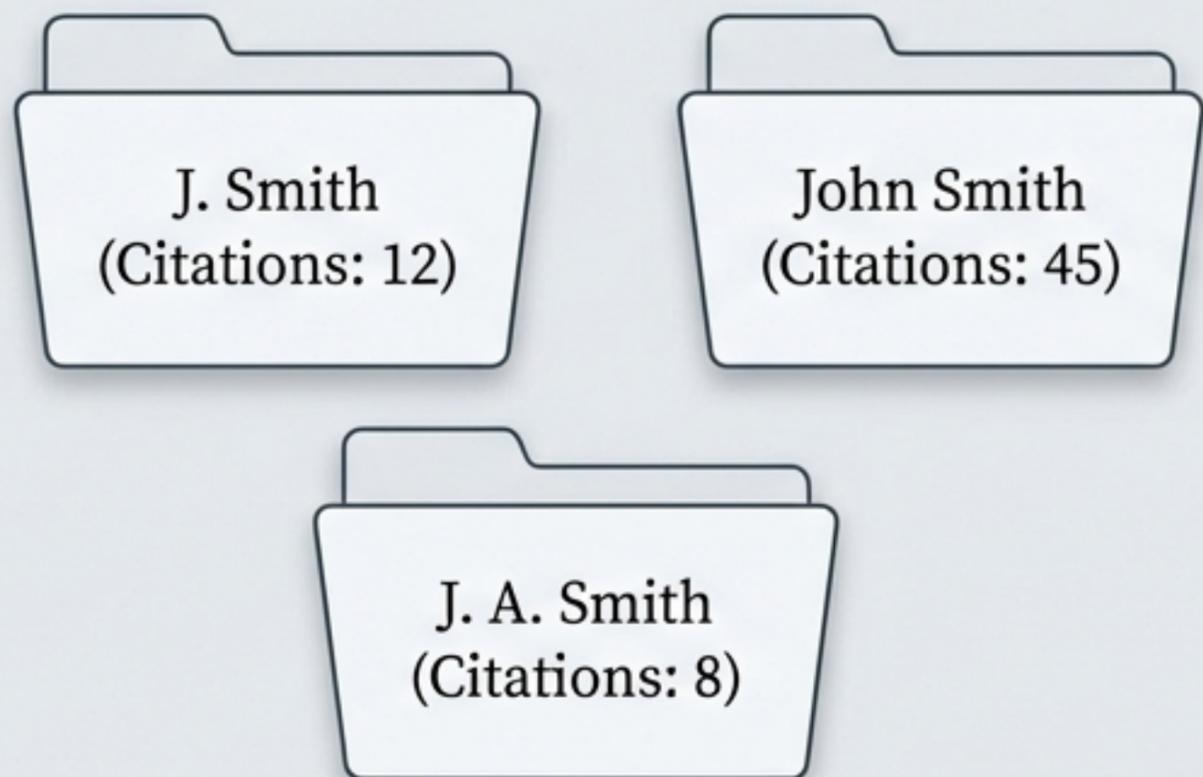
Fragmented identity leads to lost metrics and lower visibility.

With ORCID

iD

John A. Smith | ID: 0000-000X...

Total Citations: 65
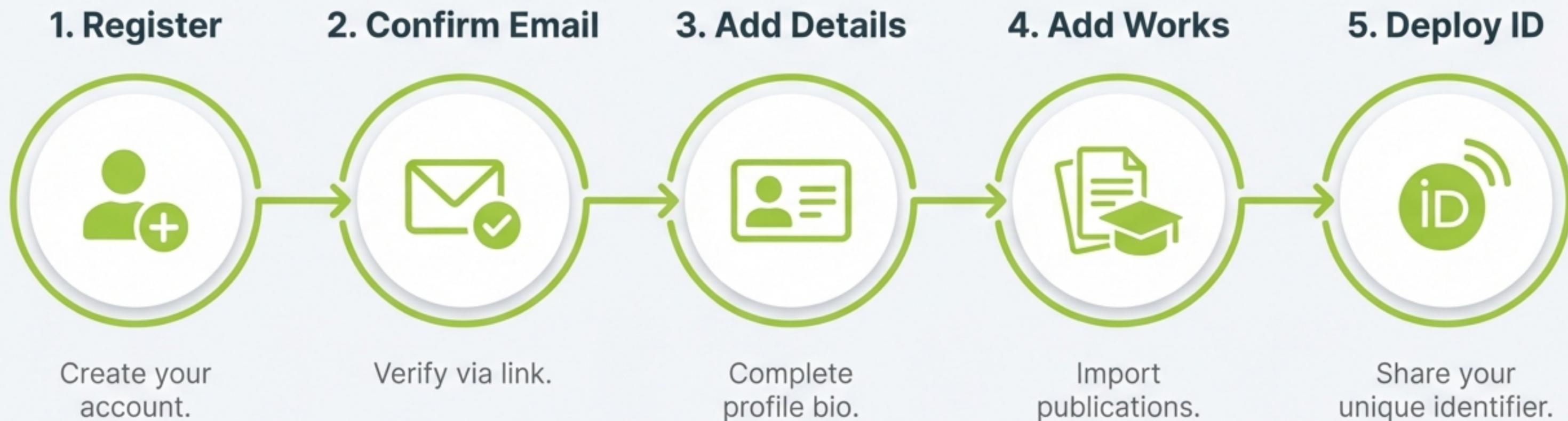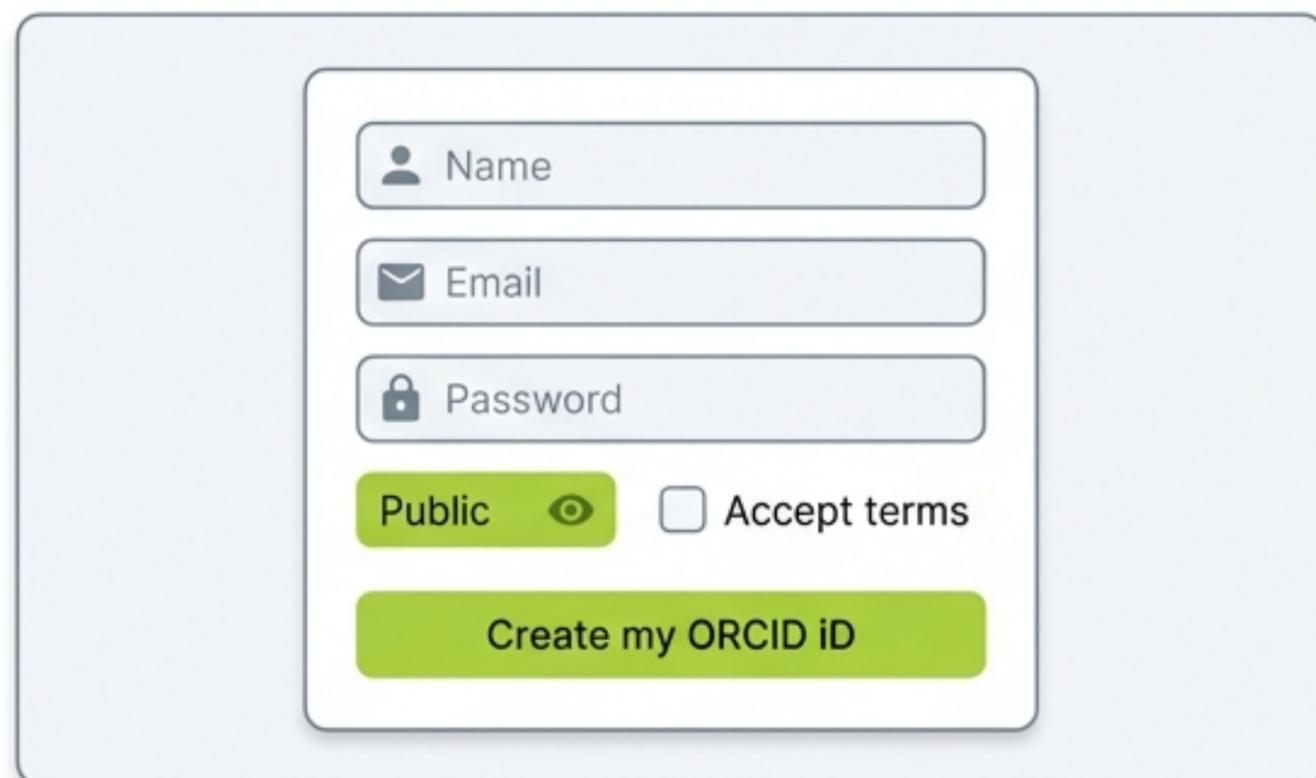
Unified identity aggregates all credit to a single source.

Getting Started in 5 Steps

Setting up your digital identity is a straightforward, one-time process that pays dividends for your entire career.

1. Register

Create your account.

2. Confirm Email

Verify via link.

3. Add Details

Complete profile bio.

4. Add Works

Import publications.

5. Deploy ID

Share your unique identifier.

Step 1 & 2: Registration and Verification

1. Register

- Go to orcid.org/register
- Enter name, email, and password
- Select "Public" visibility (Recommended)
- Accept terms

2. Verify
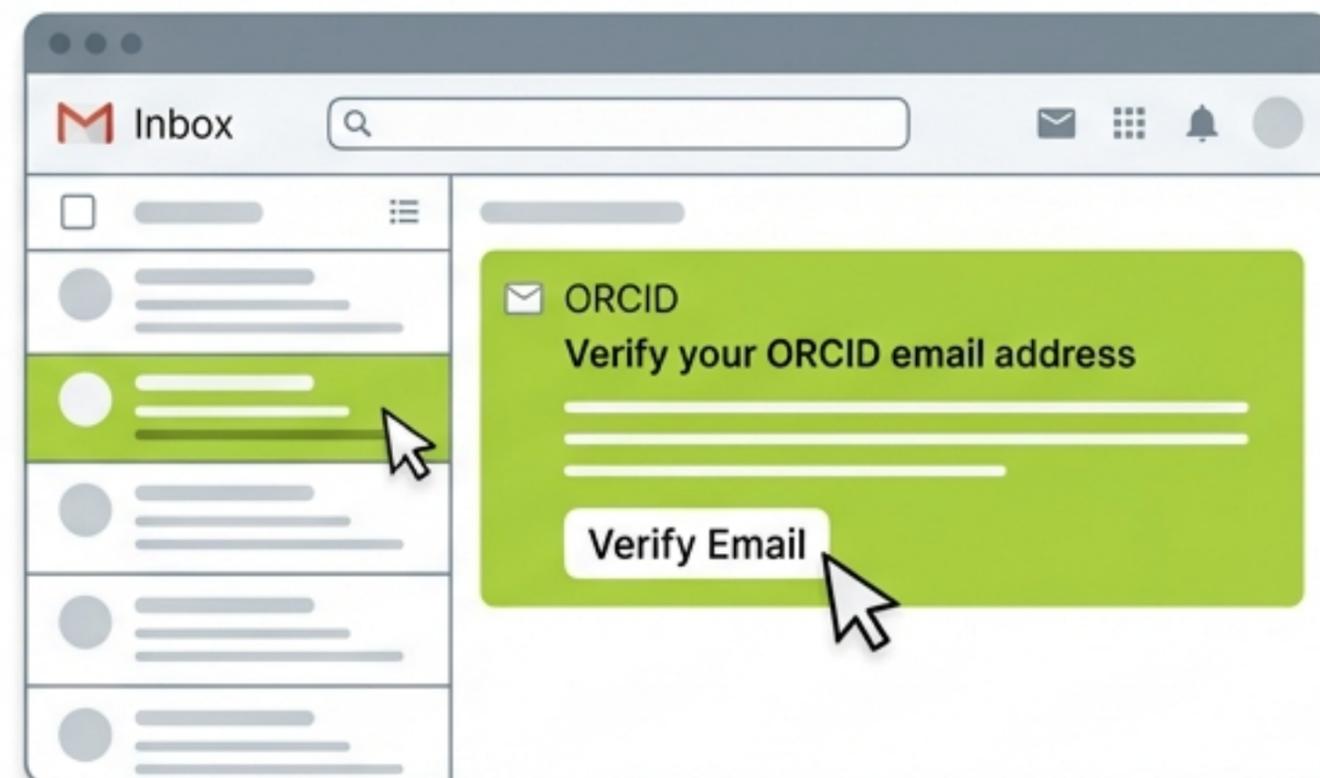
- Check inbox for verification email
- Click the link immediately to activate account

Step 3: Build Your Credibility

Optional but recommended details to establish professional identity.

💼 Employment

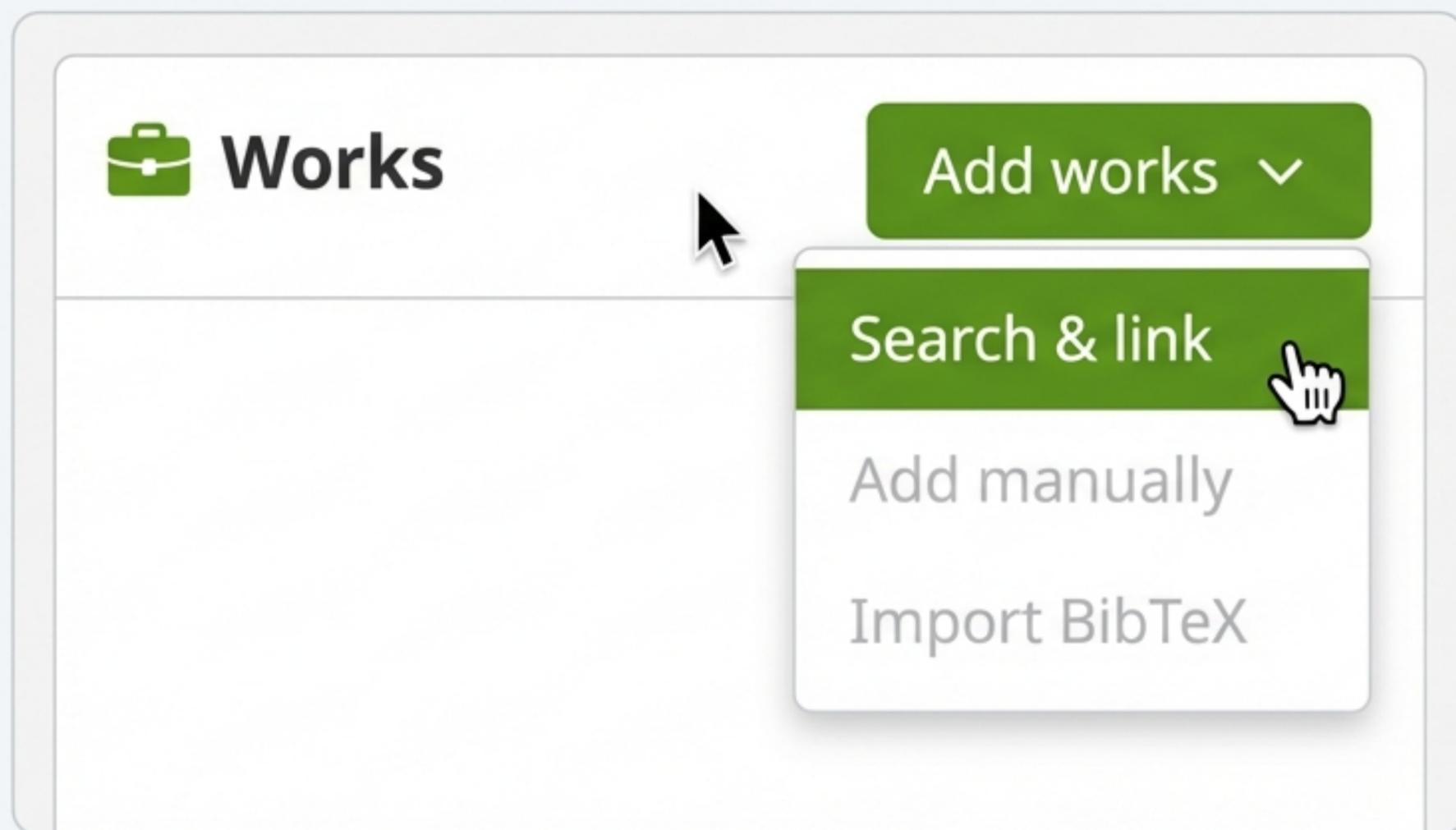Assistant Professor, Dept of Education, University of X (2020 - Present)

🎓 Education and Qualifications

PhD in Education Policy (2019)

- Add Employment: Your current institution and role.

- Add Education: Your degrees and certifications.

Step 4: Populate Your Works

The "Search and Link" method is faster and more accurate than typing.

- 1. Navigate to the "Works" section.

- 2. Select "Add works" and choose "Search and link".

- 3. Select a wizard (like Crossref or Scopus) to automatically import your papers.

- Avoid manual typing to prevent errors.

Step 5: Deploy Your ID

Where to share your ID and establish your digital presence.

Where to share your ID:

✓ CV / Resume Header

✓ Email Signature

✓ Google Scholar Profile

✓ Journal Submission Systems

Sincerely,

A. B. Sharma
Education Researcher
ORCID: https://orcid.org/0000-0001-2345-6789

A. B. Sharma | PhD Candidate | https://orcid.org/0000...

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Profile Example: A. B. Sharma

A. B. Sharma

ⓘD https://orcid.org/0000-0001-2345-6789

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Biography

Education researcher focusing on inclusive education, school counselling, adolescent wellbeing, and rural education policy.

Works (3)

Inclusive Education Strategies in Rural India.
Journal of Education.
2023.

ⓘD Source: Crossref.

Adolescent Wellbeing: A Survey.
International Journal of Psychology.
2022.

ⓘD Source: Crossref.

Counselling Techniques for High Schools.
Conference Paper.
2021.

ⓘD Source: A. B. Sharma.

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Claim Your Research Identity

Global. Persistent. Connected.
Ensure you get credit for your work.

Register today at orcid.org/register

Start building your digital passport now.