

RESEARCHER IDENTIFIERS

Accurate information about researchers and a clear list of their publications are very important. This supports the sharing of research results and helps evaluate researchers' competence.

Institutions collect information about researchers and create databases of their publications. These databases are used to evaluate scientific activity.

To identify researchers and their results outside the institution and internationally, **international researcher identifiers are necessary**.

WHAT IS AN ORCID ID?

An **ORCID ID** (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) is a **16-digit**, immutable, and publicly accessible international researcher identifier (e.g., 0000-0020-3651-2547), similar to a **personal code** for a researcher in the scientific world.

Currently, ORCID ID is **the most popular and widely used** researcher identifier. Each ORCID number is **unique**, helping to identify authors and link them to their scientific publications accurately.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN ORCID ID?

An ORCID ID is **free and automatic**. All you need to do is **create an ORCID account** at **orcid.org**, fill in your professional information, and be sure to upload a list of your publications.

HOW DOES AN ORCID ACCOUNT WORK?

An ORCID account is a researcher's profile that displays the researcher's ORCID ID and must contain the most important information about the researcher and their activities, as well as a list of their science / art publications.

Once you have created an ORCID account, you must fill it in and provide information about:

- education and qualifications,
- work experience,
- institutions represented,
- scholarship applications,
- participation in projects,
- published works, etc.

It is essential to ensure that the information in the ORCID account is visible to everyone; otherwise, it will lose its intended purpose of linking a person to their publications and scientific activities, which interested parties could access.

WHY IS IT USEFUL TO HAVE AN ORCID ID?

You will have an individual researcher profile where interested parties can find **reliable information about your scientific and professional activities**.

You will solve identification problems that arise

- when there is more than one researcher with the same first and last name,
- when your last name changes,
- when the form of your first and last name changes when automatically translated into other languages,
- when databases create different variants of the same name.

You will be ready to carry out research projects and publicize your scientific activities, as ORCID IDs are often requested by scientific journal editorial boards, publishers, science funding organizations, scientific information database developers, etc.

HOW TO FILL IN YOUR ORCID ACCOUNT?

Information about yourself or individual publications is entered into the account manually (by clicking on the pencil icon and filling in the appropriate fields), and the entire list of publications can be easily imported from various databases (e.g., Kauno kolegija Higher Education Institution or eLABa virtual library).

The most convenient way to import your list of publications into your ORCID account is from the eLABa virtual library, as you will find all your publications there, even those assigned to different institutions.

The list of publications is imported into a *BibTeX* file format.

HOW TO UPLOAD A LIST OF PUBLICATIONS TO YOUR ORCID ACCOUNT?

- Enter your first and last name in the search field of the eLABa virtual library (**lvb.lt**).
- Select the search option in the Lithuanian Academic Institutions' Science / Art Publications Database (eLABa PDB).
- In the list provided, select your publications (not those of people with the same surname!) using the checkboxes.
- Click on the three dots in the upper right corner.
- In the window that opens, select the box to save the list to BIBTEX and click DOWNLOAD;
- Save the downloaded file on your computer;
- Open your ORCID account at **orcid.org** and select the ADD function in the WORKS section, then select ADD BIBTEX;
- Select the BIBTEX file saved on your computer and import it into your ORCID account.

A detailed video on how to create and fill out an ORCID account, obtain an ORCID ID number, and upload a list of publications can be found on the *YouTube* account of the Kauno kolegija Higher Education Institution Library and Centre of Scientific Communication.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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