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Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID)

1.1 Background

Name ambiguity presents one of the biggest challenges in the necessary attribution in research publications. The ambiguity makes it hard to authoritatively establish who the author/creator of a work is.

Ambiguity is caused by:

- ► Change of names through eg marriage
- ▶ Different spellings of the same name
- People sharing names
- Variations in name forms
 - ▶ John Stephen Doe
 - John S. Doe
 - ▶ Doe J.S etc

1.2 Consequences of name ambiguity

- ► Challenges in connecting researchers with their respective research
- Mistaken identity
- A researcher can lay claim to a work that does not belong to them
- A researcher fails to get credit for what they have authored

2. Examples of Researcher Ids

- Researcher ID provided by Thomson Reuters (the company that provides Web of Science)
- Scopus Author Identifier Automatically generated for authors whose work is indexed in Scopus
- ► ORCID ID (Open Researcher & Contributor ID) Nonprofit, all disciplines data can be exchanged between ResearcherID system and ORCID

2.1 ORCID

ORCID, which stands for Open Researcher and Contributor ID, is a global, not-for-profit organization

Their vision

"A world where all who participate in research, scholarship, and innovation are uniquely identified and connected to their contributions across disciplines, borders, and time"

- ► Launched in 2012
- About 9.39M active users. The statistics capture users who have either signed into or updated their own records, or used their records to sign into another system in the last 365 days. (accessed on 27th March 2023)
- ► ORCID provides a unique identifier for individuals to use with their name as they engage in research

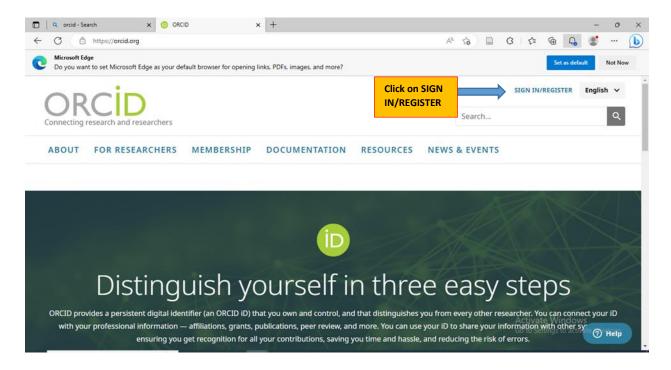
2.2 What is an ORCID ID

- ▶ a free persistent and permanent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher
- It consists of a 16 digit number that is hyperlinked

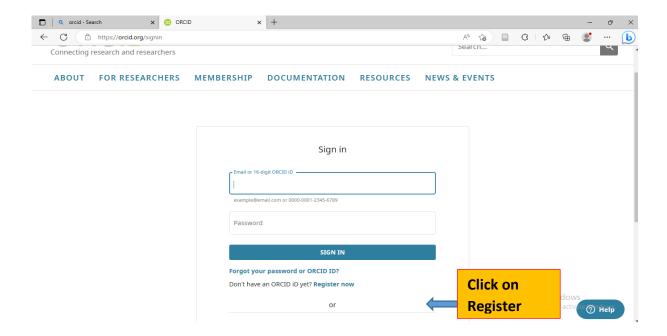
Eg https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4120-0899

2.3 Why have an ORCID ID?

- Showcase your work from a single point
- Journal article publishing
- ► NACOSTI platform for research license application
- Applying for grants
- Use in contact cards, email signature etc
- ► It is your online CV if well populated
- 3. How to register for ORCID and create a profile
- 3.1 Step 1: Go to ORCID site on https://orcid.org/ and click on SIGN IN/REGISTER

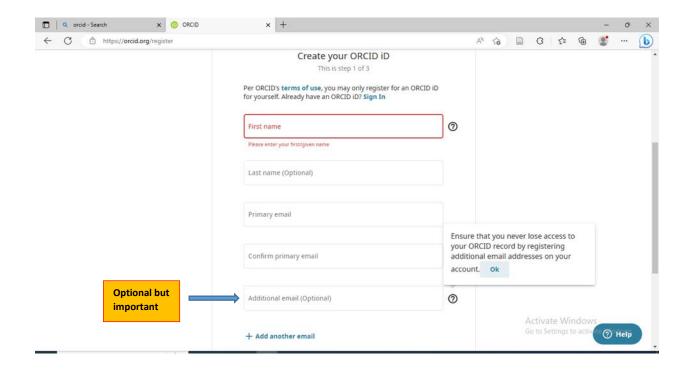


3.2 Step two: Register - https://orcid.org/register



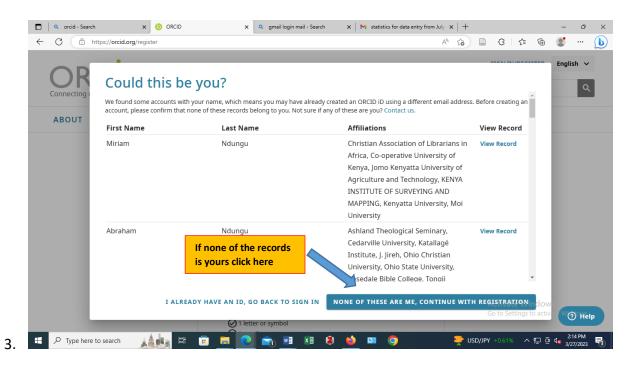
3.3 Step three

a. Fill in the registration form

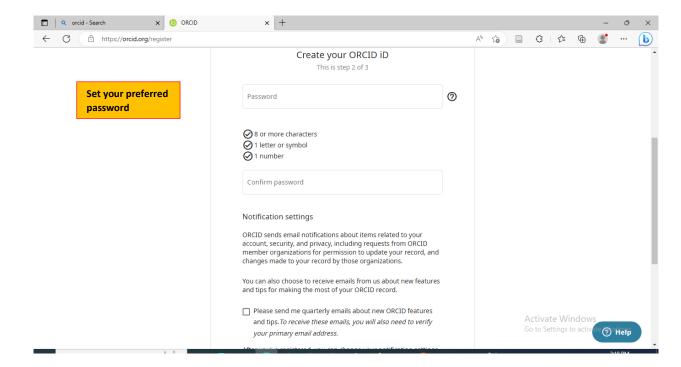


3.4 Step four

- 1. Confirm if any of the listed records is yours by viewing the record you suspect could be yours (You might have registered and forgotten!)
- 2. If none of the records is yours click on NONE OF THESE ARE ME, CONTINUE WITH REGISTRATION



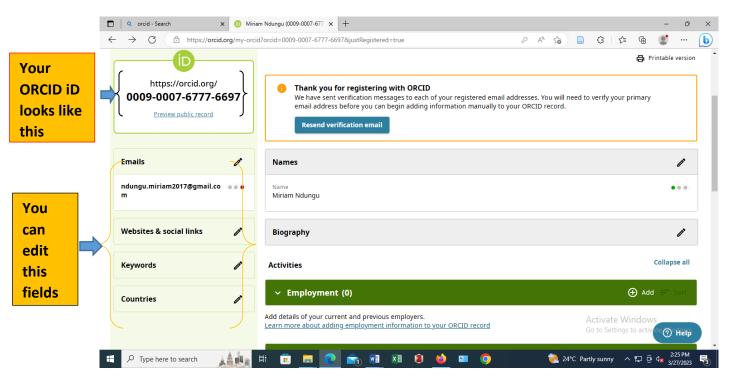
3.5 Step five: Set your password



3.6 Step six

Congratulations! You now have an ORCID ID!

- i. Verify your email and login to your record
- ii. You can edit the fields shown on the left panel
- iii. Link your profile to your other profiles such as

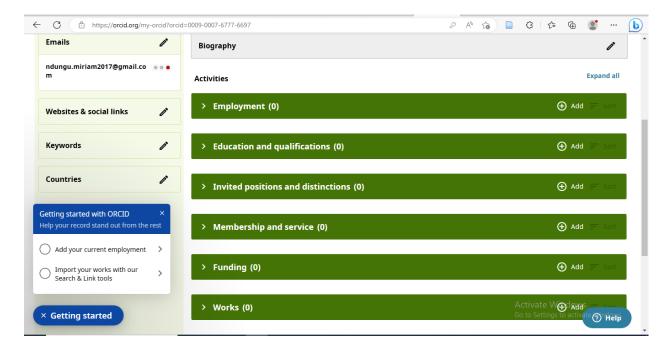


Nb: You must verify your email before adding anything to your record

3.7 Step 7: Let us look at how you populate and create your ORCID profile

- i. Add details of Employment, Education and qualifications etc.
- ii. You can set the visibility level at every stage

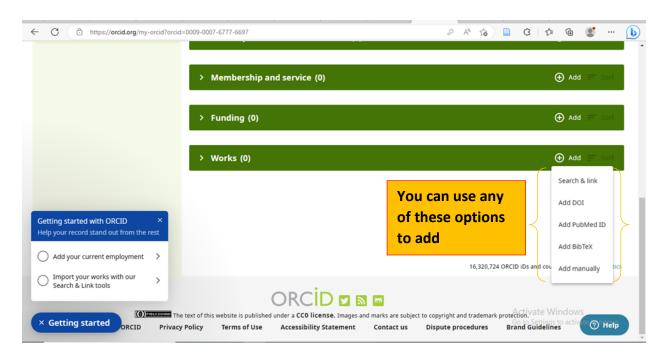
NB: This step is often overlooked by our researchers. Once they get the ID they think it is not important. When the ORCID record/profile is well populated and updated, it can serve as your online CV



3.8 Step eight: Adding your publications to your profile

Let us focus a little more on this stage

- i. Adding publications is done under Works
- ii. You have five options you can use to add your publication



3.1.1 Option 1: Search and link

- ► This option is recommended. It is accurate because publications are added by importing from the hosting database
- ▶ Once you select the platform hosting the paper, you are prompted to grant access to the organization's integration

3.1.2 Option 2: Add DOI

You can add a paper by inserting the DOI or url in the field provided and click on

Retrieve work details from DOI

3.1.3 Option 3: Add from PubMed

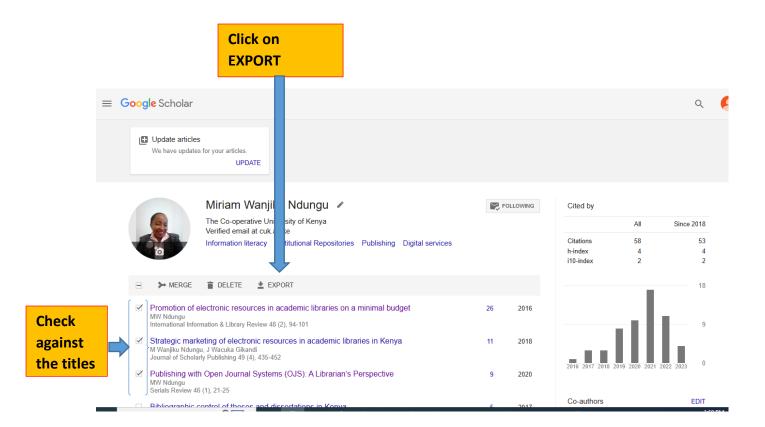
▶ Paste the full PubMed URL and click on

Retrieve work details from PubMed

3.1.4 Option 4: Add BibText

- ➤ You can import citations from BibTex (.bib) files, including files exported from Google Scholar.
- ▶ Understanding how to import from Google Scholar is important because many of our researchers have Google Scholar profiles. Here is how you do it
 - Open your Google Scholar Profile
 - ► Check the box of the articles you want to export
 - ► Click on EXPORT and select BibTex (Remember this is the file ORCID needs to import)





► A BibText file looks like this

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@article{ndungu2016promotion,
   title={Promotion of electronic resources in academic libraries on a minimal budget},
   author={Ndungu, Miriam Wanjiku},
   journal={International Information \& Library Review},
   volume={48},
   number={2},
   pages={94--101},
   year={2016},
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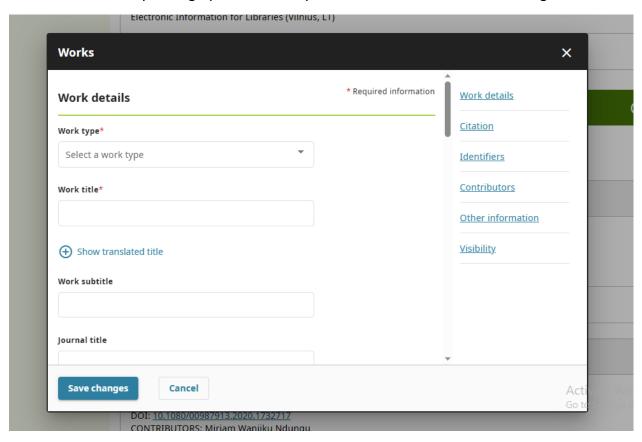
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   year={2020},
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   volume={49},
   number={44},
   pages={435--452},
   year={2018},
   publisher={University of Toronto Press}}
}
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- ► Right click and save it
- ► Go to ORCID and when prompted to upload the file, pick it from your saved file

3.1.5 Option 5: Add manually

Fill in as many bibliographic details as you can and remember to save changes



- 4. How and where can I use my ORCID iD?
- ▶ When publishing
- ► Applying for grants
- ► Use in contact cards, email signature etc
- As an online CV
- ► To log into ORCID enabled systems

Remember to keep your record upto date!

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