

Creating a Google Scholar Profile

with much thanks to the University of Oklahoma Library Website
(See: <https://libraries.ou.edu/content/create-google-scholar-profile>)

Google scholar is one of the best ways to share your research and showcase your scholarship and citations. Although it is a great research dissemination tool, be aware that your citations may be higher here than elsewhere because citations can come from most anywhere on the web—not just peer-reviewed articles. It is a good supplement to Scopus and Web of Science.

1) **Create your google scholar profile.** Go to scholar.google.com and click on the “My Profile” link at the top of the page to start the process. Add your academic affiliation and university email address so you can confirm your account. Next, add keywords related to your research interests so your fans can find you when browsing a subject area. If you have a homepage for NAU, you can provide a link to that. Note that if there are 16 other Robert Frost’s out there in academia, you may want to add your middle initial. In addition, if their articles show up on your profile, you can delete them.

2) **Add your Publications.** This step is relatively easy because google has likely already been indexing your work. Google scholar will provide you with articles they believe are linked to you in a list or grouped format. Select articles that belong to you. You can also search for articles you don’t see and add them one at a time.

3) **Add your Photo.** You want to make sure that all your adoring fans can put a face with your name, so click on the avatar next to your name and add your photo.

4) **Make your Profile Public.** The final step is to make your profile public so others can see it, so click on the pencil icon next to your name, and then check “Make my profile public.” You can make your profile private again by clicking on the pencil and unchecking the “Make my profile public” box.

5) **One last optional step is to add co-authors.** To add a suggested co-author, find the “Co-Authors” section on the right-hand section of your profile, just underneath the “Cited bar” bar graph. Click “EDIT” to the right of “Co-Authors.” In the window that appears, you can search for your co-authors. If they have a Google Scholar profile, select the plus sign by their name and add them to your co-author list. After selecting the plus sign, click on the blue check mark at the top of the window.

Creating a ResearchGate Profile (with much thanks to the researchgate folks, see:
<https://explore.researchgate.net/display/support/Signing+up+for+ResearchGate>)

Like Google Scholar, ResearchGate is another platform for sharing your research. It has a few more bells and whistles in that you can share research and articles, receive notifications when your favorite authors publish papers, send notices to others when you publish papers, and check to see how many people have read and downloaded your articles.

1) **Create your profile.** Go to Researchgate.net and click “join for free.” Select the TYPE of researcher you are, and enter your name, university email address, and choose a password. You may want to add your middle initial if there are several others with the same name as you. To complete your account creation, click on the link in the activation email you receive.

2) **Add your publications.** As was true with google scholar, many of your articles will be pre-populated and you just need to verify that they are your papers.