Track your research impact

Publons Researcher Profiles

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Publons in October 2019 snapshot

- 2M+ Researcher Profiles
- 5.1M+ Verified Reviews
- 4,700+ Integrated journals
- 250+ Publisher partners
Track more of your research impact and own your online researcher identity

Track your publications, citation metrics, peer reviews, and journal editing work in one, easy-to-maintain profile.

- All your publications, instantly imported from Web of Science, ORCiD, or your bibliographic reference manager (e.g. EndNote Zotero, or Mendeley)
- Trusted citation metrics, automatically imported from the Web of Science Core Collection
- Manage your publication records in Web of Science
- Your verified peer review and journal editing history, powered by partnerships with thousands of scholarly journals
- Downloadable record summarising your scholarly impact as an author, editor and peer reviewer.
Unified Authentication

A seamless user-experience.

Sign in to Publons, EndNote, and Web of Science (entitlements pending) using the same email and password.
Modern profile

Simple and intuitive user interface and clear information hierarchy making it easy for you to build, maintain, and navigate profiles.

Summary of key publication and peer review metrics

Navigate to detailed metrics, publication, or peer review and journal editing summaries

Research fields, bio, institutional affiliations, and highly cited and peer review awards

Most cited publications and citation counts

Journals reviewed for and count of verified reviews performed
Easy to add publications to your profile

- Import publications directly from Web of Science via your Private Dashboard.
- Import publications from ORCiD, DOI/title search, or by file upload.
- Validate which publications are yours and add them to your profile.

Whenever a publication is added to your profile, we automatically search Web of Science and CrossRef for additional metadata to improve your records and find any missing citations.
Claim your publications directly from Web of Science and export to your Publons profile.

Note: If you have a pop-up blocker, you will need to disable this to be able to claim your publications from within Web of Science.
Import citations and $h$-index from Web of Science

Publons automatically calculates your Web of Science Core Collection citation counts and $h$-index for any publications you imported to your profile, regardless of how the publications were added.

Why Web of Science Core Collection citations?

Publons uses the Web of Science Core Collection — 21,000 journals hand-selected and re-evaluated by expert editors — to calculate citation counts and $h$-indexes. This ensures that every citation we count is from an authoritative and robust corpus of publication metadata, with balanced coverage across disciplines and geographies, and vetted by expert editors as meeting the quality standards required to be indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection.
Manage your presence in Web of Science

Publons automatically updates Author Records in the Web of Science, as well as adding Web of Science ResearcherID identifiers (and ORCID identifiers, plus links to both) to your publication records across Web of Science collections.
Manage your presence in Web of Science

A unique experience for unique author identifiers.

Web of Science and Publons each have a unique Identifying number.

Web of Science ResearcherID links the disambiguated data across systems in a bidirectional relationship.

- Creating a Publons profile will generate a Web of Science ResearcherID
- Authors can correct their Web of Science publications in Publons and those changes are automatically reflected in Web of Science.

An easier way to manage profiles.

Update your ORCID and corrections will automatically sync with Web of Science.

Update your Publons profile and changes can be sent to ORCID
- or -
Update your ORCID and changes can be sent to Publons.
Simple to maintain a verified record of your peer reviews

Automatically add reviews to your profile, thanks to our integrations with thousands of scholarly journals.

Reviewer invited → Invitation accepted → Reviewer submits → Review complete → Decision by editor → Publication

Publons opt-in

Add this review to Publons?  Yes  No

Publons checks for existing account. If none, invites reviewer to sign up

Publons automatically retrieves and transfers verified review details.

Profile updated with verified review record (No sensitive information is displayed)
Add reviews and editorial records for non-partnered journals

- Email review receipts ('Thank you for reviewing emails) to reviews@publons.com
- Manually enter review details from your private dashboard.
- We verify these records behind the scenes and update your profile.

How to find and add old reviews:

1. Go to your inbox and search these common terms:
   - Thank you for reviewing [journal name]
   - Your review for [journal name]
   - Review received [journal name]

2. Copy and paste the text from any receipts you find into your search box to look for more receipts that use the same terms.

3. Forward each message you find to reviews@publons.com and you're done! We'll verify your reviews with the journal and add them to your profile.

Forward your review receipts to us as often as you like. Check our FAQs or email us at info@publons.com for more information.
Display your editorial and peer review history

Editorial board memberships.

Number of manuscripts handled as an editor for different journals.

Count of verified reviews performed for different journals.

Note: Publons works in full compliance with journal review policies and only reveals information about reviewed manuscripts that is permitted by the publisher and reviewer.
Peer Review and Research Transparency

Whilst many researchers maintain reservations about opening up peer review, interest and support is growing...

40\% of publication peer reviewers

60\% of grant peer reviewers

...believe that more transparency of review identity would have a positive impact on peer review.

Sources: Publons, Global State of Peer Review Report (2018) and Publons, Grant Review in Focus (2019)
Publons has developed a robust and scalable model, working within established workflows and systems to support transparent peer review.

The Publons model...

- Scalable and robust
- Requires minimal work from the publisher
- Simpler process for researchers
- Provides reviewers, authors and editors a 360° view of their contribution
- Is GDPR compliant
Peer Review and Research Transparency Trial

- **Popularity**
  87% of authors choose transparent peer review

- **Reviewer Acceptances**
  No meaningful differences
  (a small decrease in some journals, offset by a small increase in others).

- **Time to initial decision**
  No meaningful differences on average, looking at participating journals as a whole. However, there were meaningful differences for two journals, where time to initial decision was **quicker** by around 20 days.

- **Editor behaviour**
  With transparent peer review, more decisions are being made by the editor directly, rather than sending the article out for review. On average, editors are declining to send manuscripts out for review in 62% of cases compared to 53% of cases previously.

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Launch with *Clinical Genetics*

- **September 2018**

Launch with 10 further, multidisciplinary journals

- **January 2019**

Next stage of rollout; 40+ journals

- **Q4 2019**
Track your impact over time

Track and compare your publication, journal editing, and peer review contributions over time.

Compare review metrics with everyone on Publons or with researchers in select fields using the filter.
With a more complete suite of metrics

- $h$-index
- Avg. citations per article
- Avg. citations per year
- Total citations over time
- Citation counts in per-paper context and aggregate.
- Peer review metrics
- Editorial Board Memberships
- Citations of papers you reviewed

N.B. Citation metrics are drawn from the Web of Science Core Collection
Download your Verified Record

Save time preparing for evaluations and funding applications with your downloadable report summarizing your work as a published author, editor and peer reviewer.

This version is available today

Updated design coming before the end of the year, to include:

- Citation metrics
- \textit{h}-index
- Reformatting
- Greater customization
Link with ORCiD

- Login to Publons with ORCiD.
- One click import publications from ORCiD to Publons profile.
- One click export publication and review records from Publons to ORCiD.
- Reviews can be automatically exported to ORCiD if you require.
- This will be the case for publications too before the end of the year.
Retrieve and showcase awards
Download official certificates directly from your profile.

Highly Cited Researchers
Publons Academy Mentors or Graduates
Top peer reviewers

Publicly showcase your achievements from your profile.
The Publons Academy
An online, practical peer review training course.

- Learn the core competencies for peer review through 10 modules — developed together with world renowned researchers and Nobel Prize winners;
- Practice writing reviews and hone your academic writing skills to impress editors;
- Benefit from exclusive guidance, resources and examples;
- Get endorsed from your very own Publons Academy supervisor;
- Receive an official graduation certificate certifying your skills as a master of peer review in your field;
- Express interest in reviewing for journals in your field and put yourself forward for editorial board membership;
- Free for individual researchers.
“It is no longer enough to just be doing great research; you also need to demonstrate that you are contributing to your profession more broadly. Peer review is an important means by which researchers can contribute to the growth of their profession, and demonstrating that you have done a certain amount of peer review (via a verifiable means such as Publons) proves that you are indeed making contributions to the greater good of research. This is an excellent change in research culture and the criteria by which researchers are judged, because it encourages more researchers to contribute to their research field more broadly. This is needed to ensure high quality research worldwide.”

Prof. Amanda Salis
NHMRC Senior Research Fellow
The Boden Institute of Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise & Eating Disorders, University of Sydney
“Publons is a perfect way to keep a validated track-record of contributions. This is a great way to keep my activity organised and documented for academic documents like CV and promotion applications.”

Timothy R. Angeli
Research Fellow
Auckland Bioengineering Institute, The University of Auckland
“My Head of Department gave me specific feedback on two aspects of my [promotion] application. One was my teaching, the other was my Publons profile. It really stood out that someone could verify what I had done in terms of peer review. Needless to say that my Head of Department is a physicist, so he likes evidence!”

Matthias Lein
Senior Lecturer
School of Chemical and Physical Sciences, Victoria University of Wellington
Additional Resources

Web of Science platform: Publons
Learn more about the databases on the Web of Science platform.

Track your publications, citation metrics, peer reviews, and journal editing work in one place

Click the Publons link from the top navigation bar in Web of Science

Web of Science

Select a database: Web of Science Core Collection

Search

About Publons
Publons is a free service that makes it easy for researchers to track and demonstrate their impact as authors, journal editors, and peers.

Resources

Track more of your research impact

Your publications, citation metrics, peer reviews and journal editing work, in one place.

CREATE A PUBLONS PROFILE

ResearcherID comes to Publons
For Researchers
For Editors
For Publishers
For Academy
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