Creating an ORCiD ID

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Step 1

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Step 2

Choose the ‘Personal account’ option when creating an account. You can login under an institution or organization, but that particular institution will need an existing account.

Step 3

Fill out the form:

**Step 4**

A unique number is automatically generated and can be seen within the profile (see 0000-0002-8681-6881). Here, each author can add all important information, including, nicknames, institutions, employment, education, etc.

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