About us
ResearchGate is built for scientists.

The social network gives scientists new tools to connect, collaborate, and keep up with the research that matters most to them.
Our mission is to connect the world of science and make research open to all.
The company

Berlin
Headquarters

260+
Employees, 65% international

2008
Founded in Hannover & Boston
The company

Founders
Dr. Ijad Madisch (CEO)
Dr. Sören Hofmayer (COO)
Horst Fickenscher (CTO)

Investors
Angel round: Joachim Schoss
Series A: Benchmark Capital
Series B: Founders Fund
Series C: Bill Gates, Tenaya Capital
Series D: Goldman Sachs Investment Partners,
Wellcome Trust, and Four Rivers Group

Board of directors
Dr. Ijad Madisch
Matt Cohler
Luke Nosek
The network

12+ million Members
100+ million Publications
193 countries Worldwide
Our members represent the best in science

63 Nobel prize laureates
86% Postgraduate qualification

Members by discipline

15% Medicine
14% Biology
14% Engineering
7% Chemistry
6% Comp. Science
4% Physics
40% Other
ResearchGate was founded in 2008 by the physicians Dr. Ijad Madisch and Dr. Sören Hofmayer along with computer specialist Horst Fickenscher.

Nine years later, twelve million researchers and scientists connect on ResearchGate, and make research open to all.

The company has completed four rounds of financing, and investors include Benchmark Capital, Founders Fund, Bill Gates, Tenaya Capital, Goldman Sachs, Wellcome Trust and Four Rivers Group.
Meet the CEO

Dr. Ijad Madisch (36) is co-founder and CEO of ResearchGate. Ijad earned his doctorate in virology while studying computer science on the side. He spent several years working as a researcher on an interdisciplinary project at the crossroads of tissue engineering and radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. During his time in Boston he ran into a problem in the lab that he couldn’t solve himself and was unsuccessfully looking for an expert who could help him. That’s when Ijad’s idea of ResearchGate was born.
Our features

ResearchGate is the network where scientists share and discover research.

The profile is where scientists showcase all their research, including work that's not traditionally shared such as raw or negative data and code.

The home feed is where members discover the latest research that's relevant to them.

Projects is where researchers share what they're working on in real time and collaborate with their peers.

ResearchGate's Q&A is where members ask their peers for advice on specific research questions and share their expertise.
ResearchGate Business Solutions

Part of ResearchGate’s mission is to connect the world of science. The universities and companies employing scientists as well as the companies selling the products and services scientists use are part of this world. Our advertising solutions connect these institutions and companies with scientists from our network.

Scientific Advertising
Scientists see ads for the services and products they need for their research, and companies create value by marketing their offers to the exact scientists who will be their customers.

Scientific Recruiting
Hiring managers advertise jobs to specific scientists based on location, research area, and skill set – making it easy for them to find candidates who are the best fit. And scientists find jobs that fit their interests and research profiles.

Conference Ads
Conference ads connect research institutions with relevant scientists who are looking for conferences in their specialized fields.
The breakthroughs

Picher, Oklahoma is a former mining centre turned toxic ghost town, located at the heart of the Tri-State mining district. The geologist William (Bill) Andrews had an idea that would help clean up the town, but couldn't proceed because he needed to find a mineral economist he could collaborate with. When he turned to ResearchGate, he found Carlos Gavilán Moreno from Spain. Together with another colleague they discovered a recycling method that could reduce the town's toxic contamination at a profit. Their solution is now being investigated by private companies.

Asthma research is a complicated field because there are so many contributing factors to be considered. It is less about finding a cure than it is about piecing together a large jigsaw puzzle. One of the puzzle pieces almost went missing when pharmacologist David Wright’s cell sample was infected by a bacterium largely resistant to antibiotics. He turned to ResearchGate’s Q&A for help. Following his peers’ advice, his cells soon returned to a normal state saving him months of work – and potentially a piece of the puzzle.

The Giant African Swallowtail is an enigma. Very little is known about the largest butterfly on the African continent – except that its habitat is being destroyed at an alarming rate. Biologist Safi Sáfián wanted to learn more about the elusive creature and monitor its flight patterns before it was too late, but mountainous terrain and dense rainforest stood in his way. When he turned to his peers on ResearchGate, he was advised to attach tiny radio transmitters to the butterflies to help track their movements. Thanks to their help he’ll now be able to document the movement of the elusive insects.
Press resources

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