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

300+
Employees, 68% 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

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

64 Nobel prize laureates
89% Postgraduate qualification

Members by discipline

- 15% Medicine
- 14% Biology
- 14% Engineering
- 7% Chemistry
- 6% Comp. Science
- 4% Physics
- 40% Other
Our story

ResearchGate was founded in 2008 by the physicians Dr. Ijad Madisch and Dr. Sören Hofmayer along with computer specialist Horst Fickenscher.

Nine years later, 14 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 (37) 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.
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.
In an update on ResearchGate, a team of scientists has confirmed the existence of another ocean garbage patch, this time in a remote area of the South Pacific. The high degree of plastic pollution was uncovered by captain Charles Moore and his team of volunteer researchers on a six-month voyage. Moore documented the expedition on ResearchGate, where he created a project to announce early observations and findings in real time.

“"There’s a sense of urgency to get information out about this area, because it’s being destroyed at an enormously accelerated rate.”

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Captain Charles Moore, on updating his colleagues in real time on ResearchGate

“I find ResearchGate fascinating, because now you can really do what scientists are supposed to do: see people’s work easily.”

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Tim Bass

Tim Bass and Richard Zuech found each other on ResearchGate. Bass is an independent cybersecurity consultant who rose to prominence advising the US military on cybersecurity issues in the 1990s. After seeing he’d read his work on the network, Zuech reached out to him for feedback. Soon after, the two teamed up to create a tool that shows cyberspace in 3D like a videogame, a potential gamechanger for cyber-defense.
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