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
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, 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

The profile
The profile is where everything comes together. This is where researchers present themselves and their research.

Q&A
Our question and answer forum is where researchers from all fields ask research-related questions and share their expertise with others.

Publications
Researchers from all around the world use ResearchGate to access publications, share their research, and get feedback on their work from experts.

Stats & metrics
Citations, Impact Points, the h-index, and the RG Score track research impact. While RG Reach and Reads are how researchers gauge how visible their work is.

Contributions
This is where researchers showcase their work, including articles, data, failed experiment results, and current projects.

Projects
Projects is a space for researchers to showcase what they’re currently working on and share research updates with their peers and collaborators.

Jobs
Jobs is where scientists and researchers discover career opportunities matched to their specializations.
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.
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