## Finding experts will soon be easier – information on researchers and experts to be made available in the National Research Information Hub

The researcher's information in <u>Research.fi</u> provides quick access to information on researchers and experts. <u>Research.fi</u> service is maintained by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The service includes information on researchers and experts working in Finland so that experts in different research fields and organisations are easier to discover, for example, by the media, funders, other researchers, research organisations, companies and others interested in research and research cooperation. The aim is also for an increasing number of people being able to participate in discussions on their own field of research in the media and in societal decisionmaking, as the expertise and up-to-date contact information of researchers and experts in different fields will be available in one place.

Researchers and experts can create a public profile in <u>Research.fi</u>, in which they can merge information from the ORCID service, their own home organisations and <u>Research.fi</u> itself. Contact information, education, affiliations, publications, data, projects and other research activities (such as expert tasks and awards) are some of the details that researchers can include in their profiles. In the national service, experts can highlight their research and competence throughout their career, regardless of organisational boundaries. In the future, this will facilitate the mobility of experts from one organisation to another, as information on competence and merits can be transferred between systems without the need to re-enter the information.

Researchers can create a profile in <u>Research.fi</u> by logging in with ORCID and identifying through Suomi.fi, and choose information from ORCID, their home organisations and other areas of the National Research Information Hub. Researchers can decide on their own which information to publish and to which parties the information may be disclosed in the future.

Read more about the researcher's information in Research Information Hub (in Finnish).

The new tool containing information on researchers and provided as part of Research.fi is now open for beta access.

Beta access to the Researcher's Profile Tool opened to everyone in November 2022. The tool provides basic functionalities, such as creating a profile, publishing to the Research.fi portal, hiding and deleting. All researchers and RDI experts in Finland are eligible to create a profile. Users log in to the tool with Suomi.fi identification and upon creating the profile import their ORCID-data. The tool is available in Finnish, Swedish and English.

At the time of publication, the beta version does not include the personnel data of all Finnish research organisations; initially, it includes information from Aalto University, Tampere University and VTT. After the publication of the beta version, the tool will also be complemented with data from other research organisations, which means that an increasing number of experts can supplement their profile with information from a variety of sources.

The tool will be published with additional features, such as the possibility of sharing information and the automation of the updating of information in spring 2023.

Open the <u>Researcher's Profile Tool</u>.

Read more about the tool and its use.

## Information on Finnish research in a single service

<u>Research.fi</u> gives you single-source access to information on research in Finland. The service is useful for researchers, the media, companies, research organisations, providers of funding, decisions-makers and citizens interested in research. It contains information on the Finnish research system, publications of Finnish organisations, projects funded by public and private parties, statistical data on research personnel and funding as well as bibliometric information on publishing activities.

<u>Research fi</u> is provided under the auspices of the <u>National Research Information Hub project</u>, which compiles information maintained by parties such as universities, universities of applied sciences, research institutes and providers of research funding in their own services. In addition to making the information more easily accessible, the purpose of the National Research Information Hub is also to ensure a better flow of research information between organisations, make the information easier to use and to reduce administrative work.

<u>Research.fi</u> also provides a unique knowledge base to support science policy decision-making. It is easier to assess the impact of research and to make decisions on the steering of research.

The Ministry of Education and Culture has commissioned CSC - IT Center for Science to provide the <u>Research.fi</u> service, and CSC is carrying out the work in cooperation with higher education institutions, research institutes and other research organisations as well as providers of research funding.

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