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Community Guidelines

Here at ResearchGate, it is our mission to connect the world of science and accelerate scientific progress. The scientific discussions that happen on ResearchGate are a big part of creating these connections and pushing science forward.

We want to make sure that ResearchGate stays a place for constructive exchange and discussion, where everyone feels free to express their professional opinions while remaining respectful and tolerant of others. To achieve this, we ask you to keep all content, comments, questions, and answers on ResearchGate professional and focused.

These Community Guidelines show you what behavior is encouraged and what we consider inappropriate. For more detailed descriptions of what is and isn't allowed, please visit our [Terms of Service (Section 4: Your conduct)](#).

Use your real identity

ResearchGate is a professional network and we require our members to use their real identity. This means that you should use your real name, photo, and accurate information about yourself. Do not provide misleading information about your qualifications, work experience, affiliations, or achievements.

Stay respectful and acknowledge diversity

People use ResearchGate to discuss their work and engage with researchers in their field. Scientific disagreements and healthy scientific debate can lead to great progress. To facilitate these important conversations, we ask that our members respect each other's ideas and acknowledge the diversity of thought and opinion.

Harassment, defamatory and derogatory comments, vulgar language, excessive profanity, and hateful speech will not be tolerated. This includes personal attacks and content that attacks, denigrates, or promotes violence against people, a group, or class based on their actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, political or religious affiliation, sexual orientation, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, immigration status, disabilities or diseases.

Keep it research-focused

First and foremost, ResearchGate is a home for researchers to share and discover research. We don't allow content or conduct that can distract from this focus, like spam, trolling, or airing personal grievances.

Report inappropriate content

Our network is growing every day and we strive to create an environment that is free of inappropriate, abusive, and unlawful content. To do this, we rely on help from researchers from our network. If you see something on ResearchGate that violates our policies or the law, please report it to us.

We appreciate you trying to help us keep ResearchGate safe. However, please understand that if you frequently submit manifestly unfounded reports, we may suspend the processing of your reports.

Please note: If we find that any of your content violates these Community Guidelines, our Terms of Service, or the law, we will remove it if appropriate. We operate a Strikes Policy under which a violation can also result in a strike being applied against your account if the content was shared by you. You can find our Strikes Policy here.