

Researcher Profiles

in Web of Science

Curating profiles in Web of Science involves creating a comprehensive and accurate representation of a researcher's scholarly output. It's a way to showcase a researcher's contributions and impact within the scientific community, providing a platform for increased visibility and potential collaboration. As a librarian/administrator, you can help the researchers maintain their profiles.

An example profile:

Author information:

- Preferred name
- A green check mark indicates a claimed and verified profile
- Published names and recent affiliations
- Awards
- Link to ORCID if enabled by the author

Submit a correction button enables you to curate your author's profile and the publications it contains.

Metrics Dashboard displays a summary of publication and citation data. Click the Open dashboard button to reveal additional visualizations.

Citing patents demonstrate impact of publications on industry and allow to further explore trends and patterns in innovations.

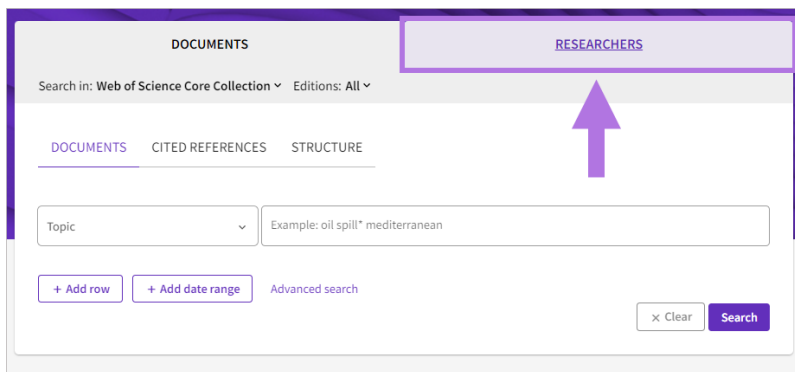
The Author Impact Beamplot provides normalized data for this author profile. Citation counts are compared to other documents of the same age, type, and subject.

Documents can be added by claiming author records or syncing with ORCID. By default, Web of Science Core Collection documents are displayed. Un-check the box to also include publications from other sources.

With tools like Web of Science Researcher Profiles, librarians/administrators can help authors create a comprehensive and professional online presence. It involves a librarian assisting an author in managing their scholarly output. This process includes verifying and showcasing publications and citation metrics.

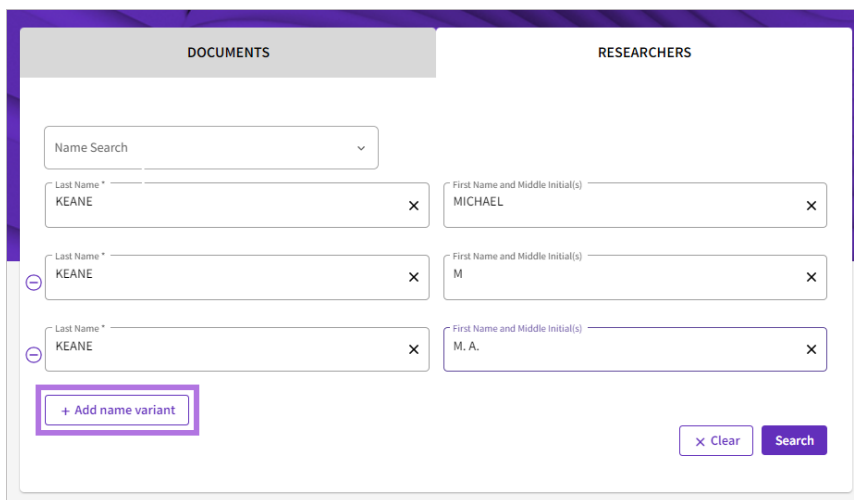
1. Search by an author name.

From the Web of Science homepage, select the **RESEARCHERS** search.



2. Build your search.

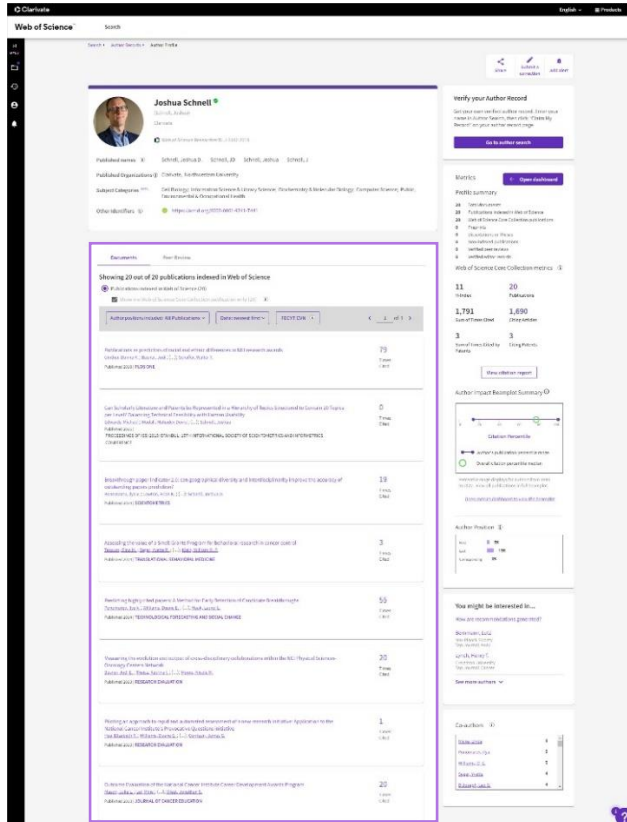
Type in the author's name and add any possible variant that they might have been signed in different journals they published in, by clicking **+Add name variant** button. **Search** when you finish populating the fields.



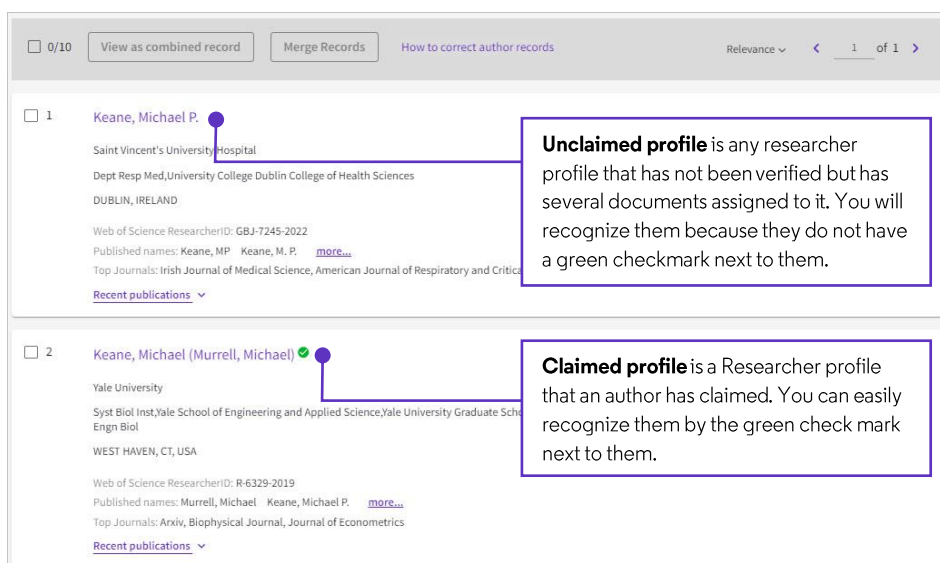
3. One of two scenarios might happen:

- a. You land on the author's profile.
- b. You land on the results page with multiple results.

- a. If you landed directly on the profile, that could mean they have no misplaced or misassigned records and all their publications are neatly stored in their profile. Still, you might want to check if there are any mistakes on the author's profile and submit corrections if necessary.



- b. If you, however, land on the results page and see several results with the author's name or its variants, this might mean there are records scattered around that you need to claim and add to their profile. Firstly, it is important to differentiate between **claimed** and **unclaimed** profiles:



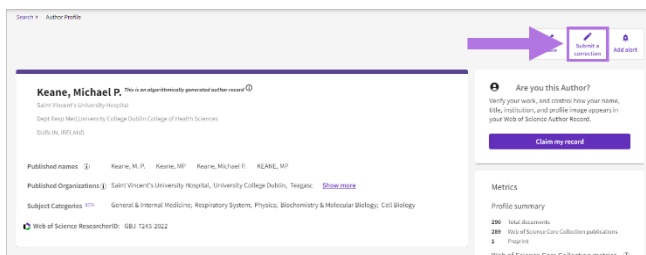
Curate the author's record(s)

Use **Submit a correction** to add or remove publications from the author's profile in the Web of Science; this ensures the author profile lists only publications they authored.

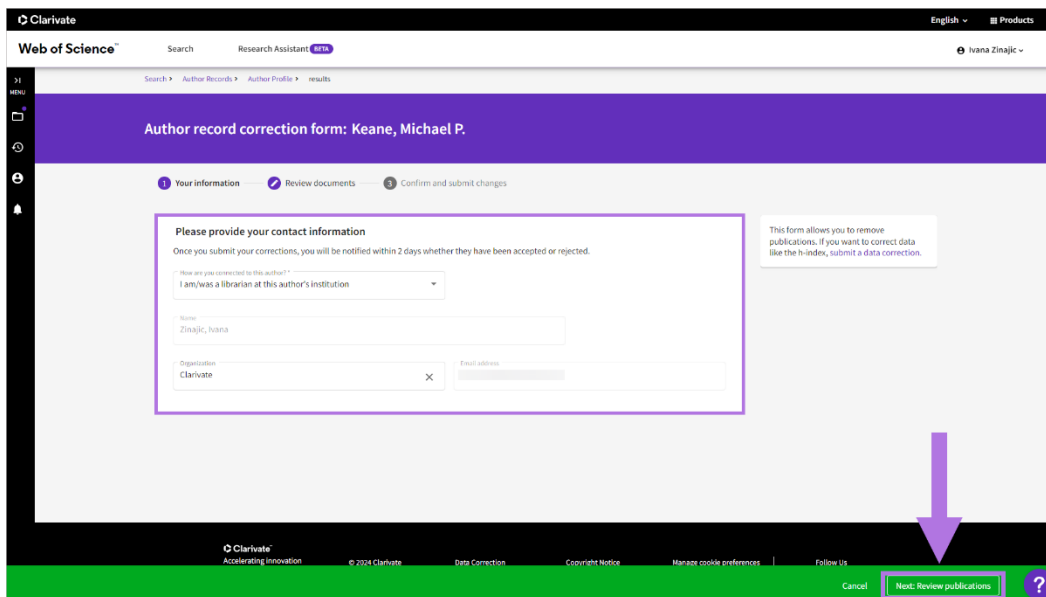
There are a few ways you can add unclaimed records to the author's profile:

You can do so by selecting an **individual** profile.

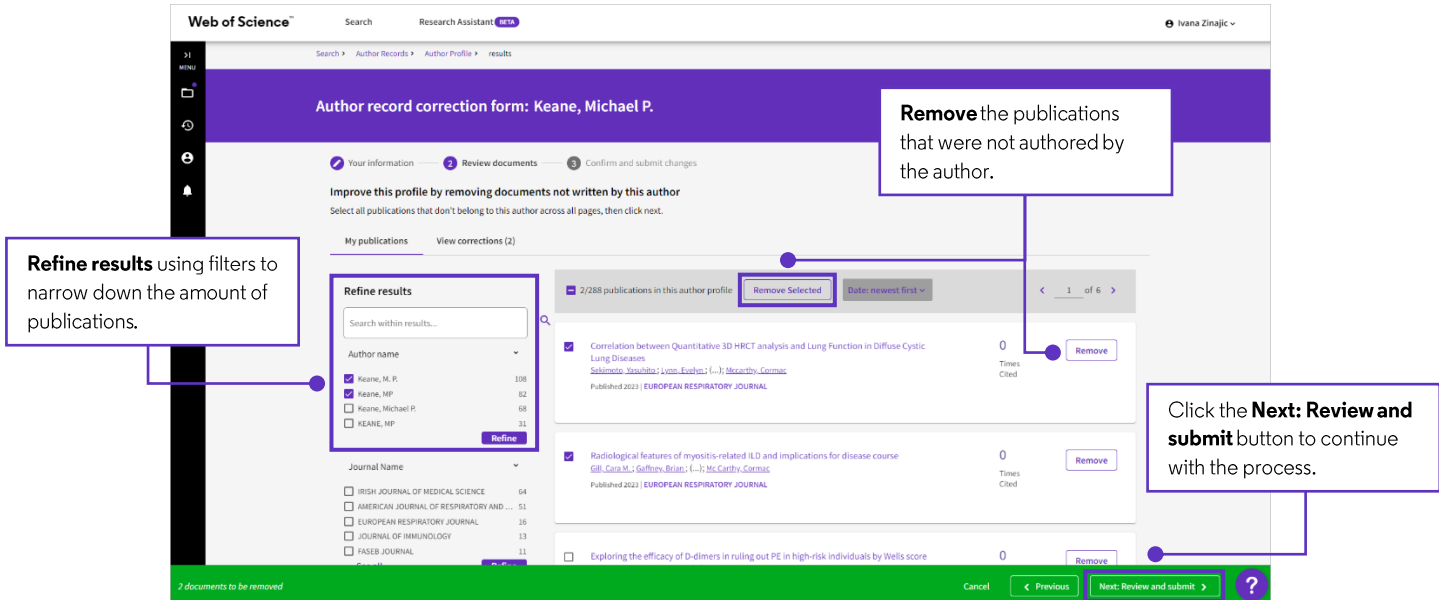
1. Open the unclaimed profile.
2. Click the **Submit a correction** button on the right side of the author's unclaimed profile.



3. You will be prompted to provide your contact information regarding the connection you have with the author. Fill in the required fields and select **Next: Review publications** button.



- Go through the publications and **remove** from the list those that do not belong to the author. You can use **filters** to help you narrow down the choices. Once you are happy with the list, continue with the **Next: Review and submit button**.

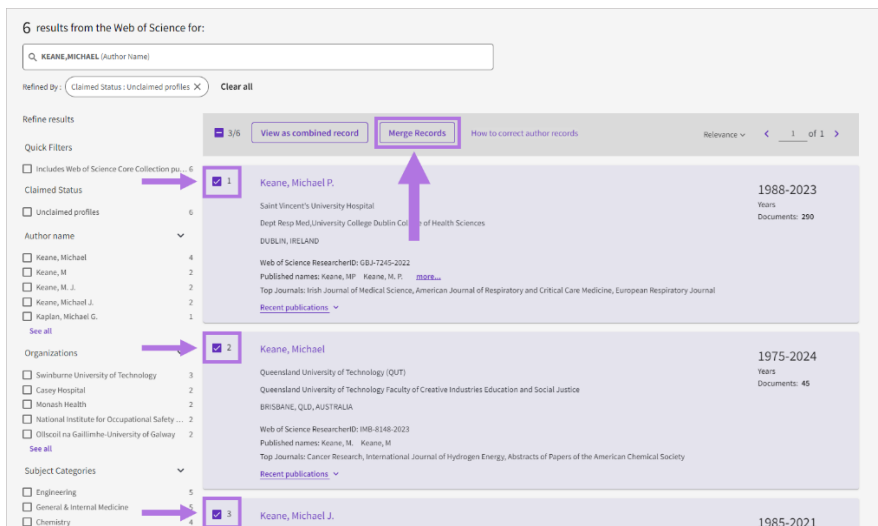


- The final step will be to review your corrections and **Submit** them.

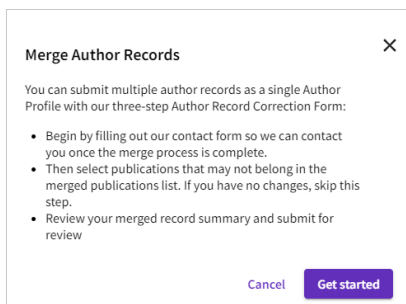
Merge two or more profiles

Once you make corrections and make sure the claimed profile is up to date, you can also check if there are any algorithmically generated profiles that contain your author's records. This can happen due to name variants provided by journals, or similar names with other authors, so make sure you generate a RESEARCHER search including any possible name variant, and generate a search.

- Once you get to the results page, you can select checkboxes next to the profiles you believe contain your author's records and click **Merge Records** button.



2. Press **Get started** on the Merge Author Records notification that appears.



3. The process is the same as for individual records claim from here on. Provide your information, select the records to be added to the author's profile and submit them for revision.

Merging two claimed profiles

In case your author has two or more claimed profiles that they verified during different tenures in different organizations, you can also submit a form for their merger, which goes through Web of Science support team.

1. Fill out the [form](#) for the merging of two claimed profiles. Make sure to select **Author record** in the **Type of change** field.
2. Your request is submitted to one of the members of our support team, who will follow up with an email containing further instructions for the merger. This may take 3-5 days to be processed.

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