

FINDING PUBLICATIONS

Many publications are “behind a paywall”, meaning that you must pay to read them from some journal (particularly the more pretentious journals). Finding publications, in the unlikely event that you find someone actually readable that might write one, can be a trial. Here is a good source for finding the work of authors you like, or topics of interest.

The Internet location www.ResearchGate.net is a place where researchers can log in to find research, and you can “follow” particular people to find out when they post new research, preprints or other material. It is free and is a good source of material. If you visit someone you get a brief description of them and can check “research” to see what they have loaded into their site. You can then look at the abstract of the work, and often they have loaded the entire paper that you can then look at and print off. You can even enter questions about research issues, which might get an interesting response from their people who use the site.

The Internet is changing how people find information – including papers that were published years ago and are not otherwise available. Check out the site and see if it is useful to you.

More detailed instructions are below.

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1) From your browser, type in **ResearchGate** ... it should find :

[ResearchGate | Find and share research](https://www.researchgate.net)

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2) You should get a set of options, the third one down is :

Browse (or search) Researchers

Browse through the biggest community of researchers available online on ...

3) Click that, and you should get a new page.

At the **very TOP** of the page, you use the option that looks something like this:

(different search engines seem to title things differently)

Search for research, people and more

4) Put the name of a researcher in there – *for example*, “Kim Iles”

As you type this in, circles will show up for possible researchers in the system.

5) Click on the one with a photo and the name “Kim Iles”

6) Now that you are on someone’s site, under their photo you will see some choices ...

Research (34) Stats etc

7) click on “Research” and scroll downward to see what papers that researcher has stored on the site.

If it says “**full text available**” on the listing you can click on that and see actual articles. Otherwise it may only be an abstract.

These papers can be printed, if you like.

You can also send the researcher a message to add the full text, or contact them.

When you see the circles with photos in them you can click on those and connect with the websites of coauthors on the papers.

Also, near the top of the screen

You can fill in (or something like that with a topic of interest like “prism cruising”

and click the return button.

This should suggest papers with titles that may interest you.