

What should publishers do actions to researchers before they taking ResearchGate to court?

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Publishers need papers from researchers for gaining profit while the researchers would like to publish their papers in top journals through the publishers. The third player like ResearchGate (the world's largest academic social network service provider) provides a free access service to published papers which are granted by researchers although publishers have been profiting by membership fees and/or individually downloaded papers (1,2). More than 13 million researchers have been granting their papers to ResearchGate for public access (2). In order to increase the support from researchers against ResearchGate, publishers should share their profit to the researchers based on downloaded papers like Amazon's kindle author payment. Or, publishers must decrease membership fees of their database access.

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