

# How to sign up for a BenchSci account

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*We check eligibility for access using the email address provided by your institution*

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## What's an institutional email address?

It is the email address provided to you by the university, research institution, or government agency that you are affiliated with. For example, [scientist@university.com](mailto:scientist@university.com), [scientist@university.edu](mailto:scientist@university.edu), or [scientists@government.gov](mailto:scientists@government.gov).

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If you work at a for-profit company, your institutional email is your work email address. If you're able to sign up with your company's email address, then your organization already has access.

To enquire about getting access for your company, fill out our [contact form](#) and a member of our team will be in touch promptly.

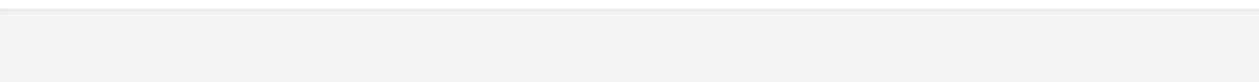
## I don't have an institutional email address

We understand that not all universities and institutions issue email addresses. If this is the case, we can manually verify an account for you if you provide us with some extra information:

1. Contact us using our [contact form](#), chat widget, or by emailing [support@benchsci.com](mailto:support@benchsci.com)
2. Share with us your **full name** and the **name of the institution** you're part of
3. Provide a link to one of the following:
  - LinkedIn profile link showing your current affiliation to an institution
  - ResearchGate profile link showing your current affiliation
  - A recent paper with your name on it, showing your current affiliation

Once your affiliation is verified, we will set up an account for you.

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