Set Up Google+ Profile

Purpose
This procedure describes how to set up a Google+ profile in your U-M account. Google+ is Google’s social networking service that includes the ability to post articles, links, and comments, follow other colleagues' posts and create circles of people with whom you want to share. Start by navigating to plus.google.com and logging in to your U-M account.

Important Information
⚠️ A Google+ profile is required for participating in Google Hangouts (online meetings and conversations).
⚠️ U-M Health System, the medical school and some research groups may not have access to Google+ due to regulations governing how restricted data is handled. Here is information on how to request an override. If an override is not granted, another option would be to use a personal gmail account.

1. Click the +[your name] link at the top left corner.

Create Profile
2. Optional: Add a profile photo.

Note: You can select a photo of a scene, flower, pet, etc., if you prefer.
3. Verify that your name displays as you prefer.
4. Select your gender.
5. Enter your birthday.

Notes:
- ⚠️ If you enter a birthdate younger than 13 years, you will be locked out of your M+Google account.
- You can choose whether this information is public or private.
6. Verify whether you want to let Google use your account information to personalize your information on non-Google sites.
7. Click Upgrade to continue.
Google+ Circle help

8. A blurb about Google+ circles displays. Click Okay, got it! to continue.

Note: If you want to Hangout with someone, you need to be in each other’s circles.

Google+ Add people screen

9. A help screen displays about following people and pages in Google+. Click Continue to proceed.

Welcome to Google+

10. The Welcome to Google+ page displays, with links to feature tours. Click Continue to Google+ to proceed.
11. Your personal Google+ Home page displays.

12. Select whether to display posts from people in your Friends, Family, Following, or other circles. Select All to see your own posts and those of everyone in your circles.

Note: If you broadcast a Google Hangout, it will display on this page.

13. Click Explore on the side menu to use a slider to select how much Google’s Hot and Recommended picks display in your feed.

14. You can share comments, photos, links, etc. and select who can see them (e.g., Public, all circles, a specific circle).

15. Select Find people to add new people to your circles.

16. If you plan to participate in Google Hangouts, it’s a good idea to enable the Chat feature. You can select privacy settings to limit who can chat with you.

Note: The Start a hangout button is above the Chat area. You can also find it in the left menu area (select if it’s not in the initial list).

17. Click the red button to see notifications of who has added you to their Google+ circle, etc.