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**Using Electronic Indexes
To Find Academic
Journal Articles**

What's an Academic Journal?

- Something published repeatedly (weekly, monthly, quarterly)
- Something that contains separate articles (scholarly topics with bibliographies)
- Usually for an audience in a scholarly or professional field
- Articles have been peer-reviewed

What's an Article?

- A short report within a journal or periodical
- Usually fresh, cutting-edge information because journals are published more quickly than books

Can I use the Library Catalogue?

- **YES** – to find out what Journals the Library has, what years and where they are
 - **and NO** – the Catalogue does not include individual Articles within Journals
- ➔ use an Article Index instead

How do I find an Article Index?

The screenshot shows the McMaster University Library homepage. At the top left is the McMaster University logo with the tagline "Inspiring Innovation and Discovery". To the right are links for "MUGSI" and "Faculty & Staff Directory", a "Quick Links" dropdown menu, and a search bar with a "GO" button. Below this is a navigation bar with links for "McMaster Home", "Research", "Using H...", "Collections", "Faculty Support", "About", and "Help". The main content area features a "library.mcmaster.ca" logo, a "Popular Links" section, and a search interface. The search interface includes a "Choose your subject" dropdown, a text input field for "Database Name", and a "GO" button. The "Articles/Databases" tab is circled in black. To the right is a "Library Spotlight" section with a photo and the text "Library 101" and "Browse".

At the Library's homepage, click on the Articles/Databases tab

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★ Try these first...

- [GEOBASE](#)

Antarctic Bibliography

Description: The Antarctic Bibliography covers all disciplines related to the region including biological and geological sciences, medical sciences, meteorology, oceanography, atmospheric and terrestrial physic

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Applied Science & Technology Abstracts (Scholars Portal)

Applied Science & Technology Abstracts (WilsonWeb)

Coverage: 1983 to present, with abstracts from March 1993

Description: Indexes and abstracts articles of at least one column in length from publications in applied science and technology, including trade and industrial publications, professional and technical societ

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What's in an Index?

- Citations to journal articles
- Sometimes citations to other kinds of things like books, government publications, maps, theses
- Sometimes the article itself (this is called "Full Text")

What's NOT in an Index?

- Inclusion in an index does not guarantee that you will find that article
- McMaster Library does not subscribe to every journal in the world
- And sometimes we have the journal, but not the issue you want

Just the facts...

- Type only the essential search words
- **Do Not** type:
The, And, In, Of, For, About ...

And other useless things!

This example uses the index GeoBase...

The screenshot displays the Engineering Village search interface. On the left, a 'Databases' sidebar lists 'Compendex', 'GEOBASE', 'GeoRef', and 'Inspec'. The 'GEOBASE' entry is highlighted with a black oval. The main search area is titled 'SELECT DATABASE' and shows 'GEOBASE' selected with a checked checkbox. Below this, the search criteria are defined: 'SEARCH FOR' contains the text 'health immigrants canada', and 'SEARCH IN' is set to 'All fields'. The 'LIMIT BY' section includes 'All document types', 'Treatment type not available', 'Discipline type not available', and 'All Languages'. The 'SORT BY' section has 'Relevance' selected. At the bottom, the search range is set to '1973 TO 2010' with '1 Updates' shown. 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons are visible at the bottom right.

Engineering Village

Databases

- Compendex**
Compendex is the most comprehensive bibliographic database...
- GEOBASE**
GEOBASE® is a multidisciplinary database of indexed...
- GeoRef**
The GeoRef database, established by the American Geological...
- Inspec**
Inspec includes bibliographic citations and indexed...

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All Compendex Inspec **GEOBASE** GeoRef ?

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health immigrants canada

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1. **Insights into the 'healthy immigrant effect': Health status and health service use of immigrants to Canada**

[McDonald, James Ted](#) (Department of Economics, University of New Brunswick, PO Box 4400, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, Canada); [Kennedy, Steven](#)
Source: *Social Science and Medicine*, v 59, n 8, p 1613-1627, October 2004

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[Dean, Jennifer Asanin](#) (McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada); [Wilson, Kathi](#) Source: *Ethnicity and Health*, v 14, n 2, p 185-204, April 2009


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Title of the article

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- You need all this information to find an article in a journal
- And you also need it to write a correct reference to the article

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- ? Communication Abstracts

This tool searches many journal indexes at once

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[Whitley, Rob](#)¹; [Kirmayer, Laurence J](#)²; [Groleau, Danielle](#)
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