

How to Search in Google Scholar

Google Scholar is a great place to start your research.

Before we get into some search tips, you will need to change your settings.

Click on Settings.

Library Links.

Key in McMaster.

Tick the McMaster libraries box and then click save.

Now we have hooked Google Scholar up to some of the paid resources we have at McMaster.

Let's search for articles on a topic: Public opinion and terrorism.

Here's a tip, put quotes around phrases so Google will search for these words together.

Here are our search results.

Some are books, some are journals. Unfortunately there is no way to limit to just journal articles.

Just click the 'Get it at Mac' link to access the full text.

Don't see the Mac link? Try clicking on versions, or more.

Did you find the perfect article or book and you want to look at similar resources?

Just click on 'cited by' or 'related articles'.

You can also limit your search by date – here.

Let's search for the full text of an article where we already have the title, the author, the journal title, the page numbers etc.

Just key in the title in the search box, or use the advanced search button and put in as much information as you have.

My last search tip is about citing. Find the article you want to cite, and click 'cite'.

It's super easy.