WHAT IS GOOGLE SCHOLAR?

Google Scholar is a freely accessible web search engine that indexes the full text of scholarly literature across an array of publishing formats and disciplines.

It is not a Research Database, it is a SEARCH ENGINE

It is a simple way which makes it easier for students, and researchers to conduct broad research for scholarly literature, articles, peer-reviewed papers, thesis, books and various academic resources.

The aim of this application is to make academic research convenient for students, teachers and scholars.

USE OF GOOGLE SCHOLAR IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Many universities and private libraries and other repositories have also linked up with Google Scholar to contribute to the database by offering their publications. However, majority of these libraries reveal only a certain portion of source text which matches the topic of research.

In order to gain full access to the article, users need to use the subscription service of these libraries by paying a certain amount of money.

Recommendation: Online access to library subscriptions

BASIC FEATURES OF GOOGLE SCHOLAR SEARCH ENGINE

Academic search engines allow users to carry out their research on factors of citation count and date of publication whereas with Google Scholar, the researcher can precisely come across results in order of relevance, citation, quality, ranking and full text accessibility.

The advanced search features of Google Scholar provide academic researchers and scholars with the options of researching material by date, type, subject category and name of author/authors hence returning results which are tailored to the exacting specifications of academic requirements.

HOW ARE DOCUMENTS RANKED?

Google Scholar aims to rank documents the way researchers do

- Relevancy; weighing the full text of each document
- Author; who wrote the document
- Publisher; where it was published
- Citation by other publications; how often & how recently it has been cited in other scholarly literature
CREATE RESEARCH PROFILE IN GOOGLE SCHOLAR

1. Login to your Google email account (Create one if you don’t)
2. Go to http://scholar.google.com
3. Click on My Citations

4. Follow the steps to create your profile, add articles and make updates

- Complete the required fields and as much additional information as you are willing to provide
- Note: a university “email for verification” is required to appear in the search results.
- Select your articles, either by groups or individually
### Adding an Article Manually

**Cryptic diversity of African tigerfish (Genus Hydrocynus) reveals palaeogeographic signatures of linked Neogene geotectonic events**

SAM Goedel, FP D’Cottrell, C O’Ryan, PH Skelton… · PloS one, 2011

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» Make your profile **public** to make it appear in the Google Scholar search results
» All the information contained in your profile will be publicly viewable, only you will be able to add articles and make changes to the information.

**Useful Links**

- Google Scholar website

- YouTube
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqnjhjSHFk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqnjhjSHFk)

- Wikipedia