Preparing your Literature Review: Resources, tools, and strategies

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Schedule appointments via phone, web conference, or in person
1. Research Refresher
Steps for comprehensive searching

Keyword searching

- Citation mining
  - Reference lists
  - Citing publications
- Related publications
  - Browse Journal TOCs
  - Browse author publications
2. Keyword searching & search alerts
Keyword searching

- Try interdisciplinary databases like Social Sciences Premium Collection and the ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database
- Follow up with searches in ScholarOneSearch, Google Scholar, and Web of Science
ProQuest
search alerts
Conduct search, then look for Save Search/Alert below search box
Click Create Alert
Name alert, provide email address, schedule frequency
Set up search alerts: ProQuest

You’ll receive an email about the alert creation

Must click on Yes, I want to receive this alert to activate it
Google Scholar search alerts
Choose Create Alert from menu on left side of results.
Click Create Alert
2. Citation mining
Looking backward

✧ Look at the reference lists for all relevant sources you find
✧ You can track these sources down using Scholar OneSearch
Looking forward

見 who has cited publications of interest after they were published using Google Scholar
To see if anyone has cited a study, copy and paste its title (inside quotes) into Google Scholar.
If a document has been cited, you’ll see a link with the number of times it has been cited.

Click the link to see the list of documents that have cited the original study.
This pulls up a list of potentially relevant sources—which may also have been cited themselves.
Google Scholar citation alerts
You can set up a search alert to be notified if anyone cites this article in the future.
3. Related publications
Browse journals

- As you do citation mining, you may notice a handful of journals that appear repeatedly
Journal searches
Use the library's e-Journal search to locate these journals and browse recent issues for any relevant articles you might have missed.
Journal publication alerts
Follow journals

✧ Sign up for a free account at JournalTOCs to get email updates when journals of interest publish new issues
Explore authors

❖ As you do citation mining, you may notice a few authors who are publishing frequently on your topic
Google author searches
You can look for author profiles on Google Scholar to see if there are any other publications you might have missed.
Google Scholar author alerts
You can also follow an author’s profile to be alerted to new publications or citations
Web of Science
author search
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# Additional resources

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<td>Use RefWorks, EndNote, Zotero, or Mendeley to store and organize your research literature and create citations</td>
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<td>Search the ProQuest Dissertations collection to find dissertations that used your framework, dissertations your advisor supervised.</td>
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Not sure which to use? Check out the comparison chart

For more information, visit their website.
Additional resources

SAGE Research Methods
Need more information about your chosen research method? Check out the Little Blue Books for background information about specific methods

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