

Citation Searching Researcher Guide

Use this guide if you are:

- A researcher doing post graduate research at Bournemouth University.

Welcome to the Researcher Guide to Citation Searching. This guide is directed at researchers doing post graduate research at Bournemouth University and is intended to take you through the process of citation searching step by step.

Bournemouth University Library provides an extensive collection of print and online resources on many subjects in two locations: The Sir Michael Cobham Library at Talbot Campus and the Bournemouth House Library (BH) on the Lansdowne Campus.

Searching for Information

The best place to start your search is through the library tab on [myBU](#). Here you can:

- Use **mySearch**, the library resources search engine, to search across all of our electronic resources and the library catalogue.
- Search resources not yet added to mySearch and find out about any password access required
- Find help on how to search for information by clicking on the Infoskills online tutorial.

Subject Advice services

Subject Librarians are available to offer advice on information resources for assignments, dissertations or research.

If you need further help finding the information you require on this topic, please use one or more of the Library's Subject Advice services:

- Ask for help at the Subject Advice Point.
- If you need more advice, make an appointment to see your Subject Librarian or any other colleague in the support team. Staff at any of the information points will help you to arrange this
- When staff are not available, send your enquiry to ASK, the online enquiry service, which you can find by going to the Library tab on [myBU](#) or the Library website. Your question will be answered from our database and if you require more help we will reply by e-mail with advice and, where possible, specific recommendations as to possible sources.

Citation Searching

From your general reading you may already know of a significant article which relates to your topic, or which has provided a foundation for your thinking in the area. A search for other articles that have cited this article leads you to articles whose content closely matches the subject you are searching for.

This technique can be implemented in the *Science Citation Index*, *Arts and Humanities Citation Index* and the *Social Science Citation Index*. These databases are specially designed to allow you to search the bibliographies of journal articles to see if your chosen paper has been cited. Generally it takes 1 - 3 years to write and publish articles for scholarly journals, so the article you use needs to be at least two years old to allow for subsequent authors to include it in their own work.

Citation Searching – Simple Search Exercise

Research question

Find articles that have cited - Dozier, D.M. 1984. Program evaluation and the roles of practitioners. *Public Relations Review*, 10 (2) pp 13-21. The database you want to use is Social Science Citation Index [SSCI]. From the Library Home Page [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library] choose *Catalogues and Resources, Databases* then A-Z. Select ISI Web of Knowledge from the alphabetical list of resources.

- Log in using your ATHENS User Name and Password
- Choose **ISI Web of Science**
- Check **Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), 1981-present**. Make sure that SCI and A&HCI are not checked.
- Click **Cited Reference Search tab**

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Conducting a cited reference search

STEP 1. Enter values in the search fields on the Cited Reference Search screen. In this example:

Cited Author DOZIER D*

Cited Work PUBLIC RELAT* REV*

Cited Year 1984

Click **Search** to display the references that match your search criteria.



Information on how to enter information is contained in the following sections of this guide.

STEP 2. The Cited Reference Selection screen displays references that match or closely match the reference you entered in the Cited Reference Search Screen above. Select the reference(s) that interest you by clicking in the **Check Box** to the left of each title.

Click **Finish Search** to find articles that cite the reference(s) you have selected.



STEP 3. Your results are displayed.



Data Accuracy

Each record in the database includes a list of the references that are cited in the article. Note that they are not checked and may contain errors such as misspellings of author names and variations in the initials used. ISI supply the data in a condensed form with only the first author of multi-authored citations recorded. The cited work (usually a journal title) is often heavily abbreviated, e.g. TIBONE_JE, 1986 Vol.14 p.276, AM J SPORT MED refers to an article in the American Journal of Sports Medicine.

Cited Author

Enter the last name of the work's first listed author. If the name is longer than 15 characters, truncate after the fifteenth character. Follow the last name with a space and up to 3 initials. It is advisable to use only the first initial followed by an asterisk. For example:

- Enter DEMAN P* to look up references to works where P DEMAN is listed as the first author.
- Enter MANNING GH to look up references works where GH MANNING is listed as the first author.
- Enter HAMBLETON G* OR RUSSELL R* to look up references to works where either G HAMBLETON or RL RUSSELL is listed as the first author.

Cited Work

For journals, enter an abbreviated journal title. Use the journal abbreviation list as a guide, but consider other ways a journal may have been abbreviated. Join multiple journal titles with the search operator OR. You may use the asterisk wildcard character to search for variants of words. In the Cited Work field, you must have at least three characters before an asterisk wildcard. It is advisable to truncate, even if you cut and paste from that list. For example:

- Enter ACAD* MED* to look up references to articles published in the journal Academic Medicine.
- Enter J AM CHEM* OR J AMER CHEM* OR JACS* to look up references to articles published in the Journal of the American Chemical Society.
- Enter MARKET* SCI* to look up references to articles published in the journal Marketing Science.
- Enter NATURE* to look up references to articles published in the journal Nature or Nature Genetics.

Cited Work

- Enter a four-digit year or series of years separated by the OR operator to indicate when the work was published. For example:
- Enter 1995 if you know the work was published in that year.
- Enter 1994 OR 1995 OR 1996 if you think the work was published within a year of 1995.