

# Information Research Skills Questionnaire (GS) Researcher Guide

## Your Star Researcher Rating

The Information Research Skills Questionnaire takes about five minutes to complete. If you answer YES to a question put a 1 [one] in the right hand box. If you answer NO score 0 [zero]. Add up the scores and check the table at the end of this questionnaire to get your **Star Researcher Rating**.

Information Research Skills Questionnaire	Yes=1 No=0
I have basic keyboard skills	
I use e-mail to communicate with research colleagues	
I regularly use the Internet	
I have spoken to my Subject Librarian about my research	
I use search engines, such as Google Scholar, to find information on the Internet	
I regularly use the Library Catalogue	
I regularly check book reviews and publishers catalogues for new books in my research area	
I am aware of the Bournemouth University Harvard Citation Standard for printed materials	
I am aware of the Bournemouth University Harvard Citation Standard for electronic materials	
I regularly use the catalogue's of other institutions over the Internet	
I have accessed databases using an ATHENS User Name and Password	
I am in regular e-mail contact with my Subject Librarian	
I have ordered journals through Inter-Library Loan [ILL]	
I am a member of discussion lists or blogs that focus on my research area	
I can name the major full text journal databases in my field of research	
I regularly review the top journals in my research area	
I have registered for an ATHENS Personal Account	
I have recommended books to buy for the Library to my Subject Librarian	
I have accessed the full text of journals on the Internet	
I have e-mailed the full text of journals articles to my e-mail account from major full text journal, such as Business Source Premier and ScienceDirect	
I store all my references in an electronic form	
I have searched for previous completed Ph.D.'s in my research area using the Index to Theses [ASLIB] and Dissertation Abstracts [ProQuest]	
I access databases from home or remote from the University	
I have searched bibliographic databases using the AUTHOR field to find articles written by leading authors in my area of research	
I receive updates by e-mail from current awareness services, such as ZETOC	
I use or plan to use a Personal Bibliographic Software Package such as EndNote	

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I use the Advanced Search screen when searching databases	
I incorporate terms from online thesauri in my selection of keywords when searching bibliographic databases	
I understand and use Boolean operators [AND OR NOT] to link keywords when searching databases	
I use truncation when inputting keywords into bibliographic databases	
I use proximity commands when inputting keywords into bibliographic databases	
I can describe 6 strategies that will INCREASE the number of hits I get when searching bibliographic databases	
I plan searches of databases identifying concepts and keywords	
I understand the principles behind Citation Searching	
I have used the Science/Social Science/Arts and Humanities Citation Index	
I have conducted a Citation Search using Science/Social Science/Arts and Humanities Citation Index	
I regularly use ISI Proceedings to identify the most recent conference papers on my subject	
<b>Total Score</b>	

### What is your Star Researcher Rating?

The questionnaire is a gentle indication of where you are in terms of Information Research Skills.

The score gives you a Star Researcher Rating from 01- 05.

01 - 04 = Star Researcher Rating 1

05 - 09 = Star Researcher Rating 2

10 - 16 = Star Researcher Rating 3

17 - 26 = Star Researcher Rating 4

27 - 38 = Star Researcher Rating 5

If you get a rating of between 01 - 04 you should probably make contact with your Subject Librarian to discuss areas that you are unfamiliar with. Oh yes, if you got a Star Researcher Rating of 05 - you are your own Subject Librarian! Well done.

To find out who your Subject Librarian is visit the Library Website [[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library)].