

How Do I Use Google Scholar Effectively?

Q: How can I find the most relevant and recent academic papers on Google Scholar?

A: Google Scholar allows you to search for scholarly articles and access citations across various disciplines. Here are a few helpful tips to improve your search:

□ Finding Recent Papers

- Click “**Since [Year]**” on the left sidebar to filter by publication year.
 - Use “**Sort by date**” to display newly added results in chronological order.
 - Click the **envelope icon** to receive email alerts for new search results.
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□ Accessing Full-Text Articles

While abstracts are freely available, full articles may require a subscription. To find full text:

- Click **library links** (e.g., “FindIt@IUM”) next to the result.
- Look for a **[PDF]** link on the right-hand side.
- Click “**All versions**” to explore alternative sources.
- Use “**Related articles**” or “**Cited by**” to discover similar content.

Note: If you are affiliated with a university and don't see library links, contact your library to set up off-campus access or configure a proxy connection.

□ Getting Better Search Results

- New to the topic? Learn key terms from secondary sources like Wikipedia and use them in your search.
- If your results are too detailed, check the “**References**” in each article to find broader sources.
- If results are too basic, click “**Cited by**” to explore newer, more advanced work.

Tip: Keep Exploring

There's rarely one definitive answer. Use **"Related articles,"** **"Cited by,"** or search an **author's name** to dive deeper into the topic.

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