YOUR GUIDE TO E-RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH
The University Library provides thousands of e-resources to inform your research. This guide will help you to find the ones you need.

**ACCESS**

The Library’s e-resources can be accessed on and off campus from:

- Subject Guides: subjectguides.york.ac.uk
- E-resources Guide: subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources

If you’re off campus, you will be asked to log in using your University username and password.

**YORSEARCH**

YorSearch (yorsearch.york.ac.uk) is the Library catalogue, it can help you locate the resources you need including full text journal articles - choose the **Search Everything** option to do this.

YorSearch enables you to search the University Library’s collections, but not everything that is published on your subject.

To search the literature more thoroughly, you should also use **databases**.
DATABASES

The Library uses the term database to describe a searchable electronic resource. Using databases provided by the Library will help you to find reliable information from trusted sources.

A database may be dedicated to a single subject or cover several subjects. Some publishers also provide databases that allow you to search all their published content from one website.

You can find a variety of information, including:

- full text articles from ejournals and other publications
- abstracts
- citation information
- newspaper articles
- ebooks
- images

How to find them

If you know which database you want to search, find it by name (title) using the A-Z listing on the E-resources Guide: subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources. Alternatively, you can browse by subject or category.

Subject Guides, produced by Academic Liaison Librarians, can also help you to find out which databases are relevant to your discipline.

Accessing the full text

When full text is available, your access to it will depend on the details of the Library’s subscription.

When you have found a reference to a journal article or other publication in a database, look out for links to 'Find it @ York', 'Full text' or similar. In many cases, these will take you to the full document for viewing or downloading.

If you can’t access the full text you can ask the Library’s Interlending and Document Supply Service to get it for you.
The University Library provides electronic access to the full text of over 10,000 journals, some of which are also held in print. If you need to identify journal articles for your research, you can use a database that will search across thousands of journals.

**How to find them**

If you have a reference for a journal article that you would like to read or want to know if the Library has access to a journal, search for it in **YorSearch**. Search for the journal title even when you are trying to find a journal article.

If the Library has access to the journal it will appear in your YorSearch search results. If the journal is available electronically, it will have a **View It** link to access the full text of the journal. Check the **Available from** information to ensure the year of the journal you want to view is available through the provider shown.

For more information see: [subjectguides.york.ac.uk/ejournals](http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/ejournals)

**Tip**

You can refine your search on YorSearch, to limit the results to journals only, by clicking 'Journals' under **Resource Type** in the left hand menu.
THESSES

As original research is reported in theses, they are a rich source of information. No doubt you will want to consult theses to see what research has already been done on your topic.

How to find University of York theses

You can use YorSearch to find doctoral (PhD) theses from the University of York; choose the Advanced Search option and select Theses from the Material Type drop-down menu, then enter your search terms. You can access electronic doctoral theses (etheses) from White Rose Etheses Online directly from YorSearch - click on the View It link to access the full text of an ethesis.

For more information on the Library’s theses collection see: york.ac.uk/library/collections/theses

How to find theses written by students at other universities

Use one of the databases listed under the Theses category in the E-resources Guide or search the library catalogue of the relevant university.

If you can't access the full text of a thesis you are interested in, you can ask the Library’s Interlending and Document Supply Service to get it for you.
CAN’T FIND WHAT YOU NEED?

If a resource that you need isn’t available via the University Library, you can:

Request items through the Interlending and Document Supply Service:  
york.ac.uk/library/borrowing/interlending

Visit and consult items held by the British Library:  
york.ac.uk/library/other-libraries/british-library

Apply for SCONUL Access to visit and consult items held at other UK university libraries:  
york.ac.uk/library/other-libraries/sconul

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Your Academic Liaison Librarian can help you find information and use e-resources. For your Librarian’s contact details see:  
subjectguides.york.ac.uk

If you experience problems accessing an e-resource, email:  
lib-enquiry@york.ac.uk

The Library’s **Research Support Team** can help you with research activities such as research data management, copyright clearance and open access publication. The Team also provide training on searching the literature. For more Library information for researchers, see:  
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