

Instant Workshops

Linking Google Scholar to Your Institution's Library

This workshop explains how to add links to your institution's library in Google Scholar.

Transcript

Linking Google Scholar to Your Institution's Library. Do you ever use Google scholar to search for articles for your assignments? Have you ever found what you think would be the perfect article only to hit a paywall and not be able to access the full text? Well, in this video, I'll show you a way to link Google Scholar to your institution's library, if it's available, to minimize paywalls.

You begin by navigating to Google Scholar, and the address is scholar.google.com. Select the expand menu button. It's the three horizontal lines, also called a hamburger button. It looks like a hamburger? From the expanded menu, select Settings. From the settings, select Library Links. In the Library Links search box, enter the name of your institution and press Enter. I work at the University of Ottawa, so that's what I've put. If your institution has a library link, it'll appear in a result list. You're going to place a check in a box next to your institution's name. I have to be careful because the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Canada, is a different institution from Ottawa University in the United States. Select Save.

Now, when you search Google Scholar, if your institution has full text, there will be a library link to the right of the Google Scholar search result. So, for example, *Media multitasking and well-being of university students*, I will select Omni@uOttawa. When you select the library link, you may be required to enter your library username and password. I'm accessing this from on campus, so I'm automatically entered into the system. You may still be a couple of clicks away from accessing full text. You may need to select a database from a list or you may need to search the page for a PDF or a full text button. But, before long, you should be able to access the full text PDF of the article.

Now, if your institution doesn't have library links with Google Scholar or if your library doesn't have a particular full text article that you're looking for, you may still be able to get full text from your library's interlibrary loan service. Contact your library for more information.

Instructions

Linking Google Scholar to Your Institution's Library

1. Navigate to <https://scholar.google.com>

2. Select the three-horizontal-line expand menu button (also called a hamburger button) in the top left corner of the browser window.
3. Select **Settings**.
4. Select **Library links**.
5. Enter your institution's name in the Library links search box and press **Enter**.

If Library links are available for your library, it will appear in a list of results beneath the search box.

6. Place a check in the box next to your institution's library.
7. Select **Save**.

When you search Google Scholar, if your library has full text, a link to your library will appear to the right of each Google Scholar search result.

Review

Task for Learning

Successfully link Google Scholar to your institution's library.

Review Question

What is the advantage to linking Google Scholar to your institution's library?

- a) You can search everything in your institution's library from Google Scholar.
- b) You can access more full text articles than with Google Scholar alone.
- c) You can access full text articles from your library without needing to sign in.
- d) You can add features from your library's search engine to Google Scholar.

The correct answer is on the next page.

Review Question Answer

The correct answer is b) You can access more full text articles than with Google Scholar alone.