



# Google Scholar

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## About This Guide

This guide explains what is available through Google Scholar and how to navigate this web-based search engine.

## About Google Scholar

Google Scholar is a search engine that provides access to a wide variety of scholarly literature including articles, books, dissertations, conference proceedings, patents, legal opinions, and more. The content is significantly more refined than searching through the general Google interface, making it a helpful tool for the academic researcher. It is important to note that there is no way to limit solely to articles when using Google Scholar. It is recommended that you also use the Library's databases to conduct your research.

## How to Access Google Scholar

The direct link is <http://scholar.google.com>. Or, from the Google homepage, [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), select "Scholar" from the "More" drop-down menu.

Once Google Scholar opens, instead of using the single search box, click on the link for "Advanced Scholar Search." Using the "Advanced Scholar Search" page allows you to limit to a subject area, search for exact phrases, and place other limitations.

## Finding the Full-Text through Leatherby Libraries

At times only the citation and abstract (summary) of an item may be available through Google Scholar or you may be prompted to purchase the full-text. However, you can set your computer to identify when a full-text version is available through Leatherby Libraries' databases. To ensure your computer is set to enable this feature, go to "Scholar Preferences" at [http://scholar.google.com/scholar\\_preferences](http://scholar.google.com/scholar_preferences). If the option "Chapman University—Where Can I Get This?" does not appear and/or is not selected in the "Library Links" field (you may need to scroll down the page), do the following:

1. In the "Library Links" field, enter Chapman University and click "Find Library."
2. Select all possible options, including "Chapman University – Where Can I get This?"
3. Click "Save Preferences" (upper right-hand side of the screen).
4. Results containing the "Where Can I Get This" link lead to full-text options available through Leatherby Libraries.



Above: A sample citation from Google Scholar. Clicking on "Where Can I Get This?" (circled above) will link to the Leatherby Libraries and provide any full-text options.

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## How to Read a Google Scholar Citation

The information below can help you decipher the various parts of Google Scholar citations.



### Explanation of Links

- 1. Title** – Links to the abstract of the article, or, when available on the web, the full-text.
- 2. Cited By** – Identifies other works that have cited the article, book, or other item. This may not include all citations for this item.
- 3. Related Articles** – Finds other works that are similar.
- 4. Where Can I Get This?** – This link indicates that full-text options are available through Leatherby Libraries. Clicking on the "Where Can I Get This?" link will direct you to the location of the full-text through the Leatherby Libraries website, as shown below.



*Click on the title link to access the full-text through one of the Library's databases.*

For more information on formatting your computer off-campus to be able to link to Leatherby Libraries when using Google Scholar, please see "Finding the Full-Text through Leatherby Libraries" in this guide.

### Interlibrary Loan

When the full-text is not available through Google Scholar or Leatherby Libraries, currently enrolled or employed Chapman University students, faculty, and staff may request books and articles through Interlibrary Loan. For information on how to set up your Interlibrary Loan account, contact the Library's Interlibrary Loan department at [myanez@chapman.edu](mailto:myanez@chapman.edu) / (714) 532-7719.

### Research Assistance

Contact the Reference Desk at [libweb@chapman.edu](mailto:libweb@chapman.edu) / (714) 532-7714.

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