

## **Discovering Research Information Skills**

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### **Discovering Research Information Skills Online Course**

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#### **Designed for**

ALL postgraduate students to learn the basic research skills. After completion of this online course, students are **Strongly Recommended** to enroll in one of the sessions under Discovering Research Information in Your Discipline. (Please refer to P.3 for details)

#### **Objective & Brief Description**

Using the University Library is essential to academic success. The CUHK librarians have developed this online module to enhance your research skills, particularly with postgraduate students in mind. After completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify keywords of your topic and formulate a search statement for searching resources;
- Use LibrarySearch to search for resources, particularly theses;
- Understand different types of library databases, and use Scopus to discover quality research information; and
- Find a journal to publish in and increase the visibility of a published article.

This online course consists of 4 modules. The estimated reading time is 30 mins for each module. A quiz is at the end of each module to test your understanding. Please complete the 4 modules consecutively to get the best out of this course.

**Structure**                      Self-learning online course

**Medium of Instruction:**    English

#### **Remarks**

- An email with login information will be sent to individual registrant one week before the start day of each group.
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library organizes various types of workshops and seminars to address your research needs throughout the academic year. The workshop schedules are available on the CUHK Library home page (<http://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/learning/workshops>). Postgraduate students are also welcome to join the annual [Postgraduate Research & Learning Symposium](#). The upcoming Symposium will be held in April 2026.

## Discovering Research Information at Your Discipline

Group 1 - for postgraduate students in Arts  
Group 2 - for postgraduate students in Business Administration  
Group 3 - for postgraduate students in Education  
Group 4 - for postgraduate students in Engineering  
Group 5 - for postgraduate students in Medicine  
Group 6 - for postgraduate students in Science  
Group 7 - for postgraduate students in Social Science  
Groups 8-9 - for postgraduate students in Law

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## Designed for

**ALL** postgraduate students.

These courses focus on discovering discipline-specific scholarly and research information. They are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to enhance your research information skills. Students are recommended to go through the **Discovering Research Information Skills online course** before taking these discipline-specific courses.

## Objective

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Have an overview of the subject specific key resources provided by the Library and beyond;
- Select resources relevant to your research;
- Conduct effective search of research information in your discipline; and
- Assess the significance of the research information found.

## Structure

2.5-hour workshop for each discipline with demonstration

## Medium of Instruction

English

## **Brief Description**

### **Group 1 - Discovering Research Information at Arts**

#### *Speaker*

Mr Leo Ma

Head, New Asia College Ch'ien Mu Library and United College Wu Chung Library

Faculty Liaison Librarian (Arts)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

#### *Special feature*

This workshop aims at introducing different search strategies and advanced discovery techniques commonly used in the research of arts and humanities information. Major electronic resources on arts-related subjects will be covered. Various citation analysis tools will be introduced. Useful tips and advice on conducting academic research will be discussed.

### **Group 2 - Discovering Research Information at Business Administration**

#### *Speaker*

Ms Vivian Lam

Law Librarian

Faculty Liaison Librarian (Business Administration & Law)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

#### *Special feature*

This workshop will focus on business information research skills, including developing search strategies in finding academic research materials, company information, industry and market information and economic data by using major business and financial databases.

### **Group 3 - Discovering Research Information at Education**

#### *Speaker*

Ms Sue Fung

Faculty Liaison Librarian (Arts & General Education)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

#### *Special feature*

In the context of education discipline, the workshop will demonstrate how to develop advanced search strategies to find relevant information from library subscribed databases such as *ERIC*, *Education Full Text*, *ProQuest Education Journals*, as well as finding dissertations and e-books. The workshop will also cover search skills on the LibrarySearch system to enable participants to discover more research information on education.

## **Group 4 - Discovering Research Information at Engineering**

### *Speaker*

Ms Carol Kong  
Faculty Liaison Librarian (Engineering)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

### *Special feature*

This workshop empowers Engineering postgraduates to master LibrarySearch and specialized databases for locating high-quality academic resources. Participants will discover how to supercharge their research—from finding scholarly papers and industrial patent specifications to managing data and enhancing writing with AI tools. The session also offers in-depth guidance on identifying peer-reviewed journals and understanding academic citation metrics such as the h-index and impact factor, helping students evaluate research impact with confidence.

## **Group 5 - Discovering Research Information at Medicine**

### *Speaker*

Ms Kendy Lau  
Medical Librarian  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

### *Special feature*

This workshop will demonstrate the key electronic resources for health sciences including MEDLINE and CINAHL Ultimate. Participants will learn how to develop a structured search strategy, utilize MeSH to improve the precision of results, locate full-text journal articles, apply limiting filters, save search queries and other advanced search techniques. Citation analysis and journal metrics for scholarly impact evaluation will also be discussed.

## **Group 6 - Discovering Research Information at Science**

### *Speaker*

Ms Iris Wai  
Faculty Liaison Librarian (Science)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

### *Special feature*

This workshop is designed to offer comprehensive guidance and information regarding the range of resources accessible to science students.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify science-related resources available at CUHK Library and beyond, such as journal articles, patents, standards, theses and dissertations.
- Learn about various search strategies and tools for literature discovery, including those powered by AI.
- Understand the importance of academic integrity in the context of AI and the applications of citation management tools.

## **Group 7 - Discovering Research Information at Social Science**

### *Speaker*

Ms Bernice Chan  
Faculty Liaison Librarian (Social Science)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

### *Special feature*

At the end of the workshop, attendees will have the capability to:

- identify academic resources associated with Social Science
- enhance their search skills to effectively utilize databases for their research purposes
- ensure academic honesty by properly citing sources, including those generated by AI, in a competent manner
- grasp the importance of the ethical use of GenAI tools

This will include practical exercises using featured databases and tools, such as the ProQuest Social Science database, Scopus, CUHK Electronic Theses and Dissertations Collection, and Microsoft Copilot.

## **Group 8 - Discovering Research Information at Law**

### *Speaker*

Ms Vivian Lam  
Head, Law Library  
Faculty Liaison Librarian (Business Administration & Law)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

### *Special feature*

Introduction to advanced legal research training using Lexis and Westlaw and various other case law and journal databases. The focus of the session will be researching in common law and foreign jurisdictions and international law areas.

## **Group 9 - Discovering Research Information at Chinese Law**

### *Speaker*

Ms Eva Lai  
Legal Resources Centre Librarian  
Faculty Liaison Librarian (Law)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

### *Special feature*

This interactive workshop is designed to empower participants with comprehensive research methods in Chinese law. Participants will learn to leverage major legal databases for effective research through hands-on training exercises. By the end of the course, participants will be equipped with the proficiency and confidence to conduct successful research projects in the context of Chinese law.

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## Managing and Creating Reference Citations with Reference Managing Tools

Group 1 - EndNote

Group 2 - RefWorks

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### Designed for

**ALL** postgraduate students of various disciplines.

### Objective

At the end of the courses, students will be able to:

- create and format in-text citations and bibliographies for their papers using the two Reference Management Tools, *EndNote* and *RefWorks*;
- create personal references database by importing references from online databases and other sources; and
- manage references in the personal database.

**Structure** 2.5-hour demonstration session

**Medium of Instruction** English

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### Brief Description

Mainly demonstration on:

- Setting up an EndNote/RefWorks account;
- Importing references from online databases;
- Creating groups (EndNote) / folders (RefWorks);
- Creating a bibliography in a variety of formats/styles; and
- Using EndNote/RefWorks with MS Word.

For the EndNote workshop, participants are encouraged to [download EndNote](#) beforehand to ensure they can follow along with the live demonstration.

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