



Peer reviewed articles (Refereed)

- What are they?
- Why are they needed?
- How to find them

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Welcome. This video will explore peer reviewed journal articles. What they are, why you need them and how to find them. Sometimes the term refereed is also used to describe peer reviewed articles.

Definition

“A publication is peer reviewed if its articles go through an official editorial process that involves review and approval by the author’s peers. Most (but not all) scholarly journals are peer reviewed.”

(Proquest database information, 2007)

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Peer reviewed articles go through a review and approval process before the article is published. Be careful, not all scholarly journals are peer reviewed.

Peer reviewed – Why?

- High research standard
- Academic in focus - not aimed at the general public

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Many lecturers recommend using peer review articles as they are of a high research standard and academic in focus. Understanding and utilising peer reviewed articles enables high quality research and results.

Peer reviewed articles How to find them?

- Using Summon
- Using a database
- Examining the journal's website
- Ulrichs periodical directory -
(Ulrichsweb)



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There are several ways of finding a peer reviewed article or determining if an article is peer reviewed - using Summon, using a database, examining the journals website or using Ulrichs periodical directory (also known as Ulrichsweb).

Peer reviewed – Using Summon

- Choose the Articles tab
- Insert your search strategy and click on Summon it
- Click on the checkbox “Limit to articles from scholarly publications including peer review”
- Still need to check the journal



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Using Summon allows you to search just for journal articles and then to limit your results to scholarly publications including peer review. Not all scholarly publications are peer reviewed so you will still need to check the journal.

An article search in Summon

The screenshot displays the Summon search interface. At the top, the 'Summon' tab is selected, with 'Catalogue', 'Course resources', 'Databases', and 'Journals & News' as alternatives. Below this, a prompt asks the user to select an option to find UQ Library's online and print resources. The 'Articles' option is circled in red. The search bar contains the text 'global financial crisis', and the 'Summon it' button is highlighted. A 'Tips' section provides guidance on search syntax and navigation. The search results page shows 1,605 results for 'global financial crisis'. On the left, the 'Refine your search' sidebar is visible, with the 'Limit to articles from scholarly publications, including peer-review' option circled in red. The main results area displays two articles, both titled 'The Global Financial Crisis: Some Implications', with details on author, journal, and availability.

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Here is an example from Summon showing the steps required to limit an article search to display the scholarly publications including peer reviewed journals.

Peer reviewed – Using a database

- Identify peer reviewed titles
- Limit your search or results to refereed/peer review
- Advanced search options
- Check the database HELP options



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Some databases identify peer reviewed titles. You may be able to limit your search or results. Try looking at the Advanced search options or check the HELP options of your favourite database.

From a database search

The top screenshot shows the CSA ILLUMINA search results page. The search term 'psychological tests' has yielded 9588 results. The results are categorized by publication type: Journals (658), Peer-Reviewed Journals (658), Books (1), and Chapters/Essays (1248). The 'Peer-Reviewed Journals' category is highlighted with a red circle.

The bottom screenshot shows the ProQuest search results page. The search term 'global financial crisis' has been entered. The search filters are set to 'Business - ABI/INFORM Global' and 'All dates'. Under the 'Limit results to:' section, the checkbox for 'Scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed' is selected and highlighted with a red circle.

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All databases are different. Here are examples showing how CSA Illumina and ProQuest databases help identify peer reviewed journals - CSA Illumina uses search results and ProQuest uses a "Limit" function before the search is conducted.

Be careful to read the limit function carefully. In this case it limits to scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed.

Peer reviewed – Examining the journal's website

Information for authors wanting to submit articles should indicate whether or not there is a review process.



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Journal websites can also assist. The information for authors wanting to submit articles should indicate whether or not there is a review process.



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This is the website for the journal Nature. It has a "For authors" tab which provides information about publishing in the journal.

Peer reviewed – Ulrichs periodical directory (Ulrichsweb)

- Available from the Library's databases webpage
- Provides information on published journals including whether a journal is peer reviewed
- Ulrichs uses a symbol to indicate a refereed journal 

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Ulrichs periodical directory (also known as Ulrichsweb) is available from the Library databases page. It provides information on published journals which includes whether the journal is peer reviewed or not. Ulrichs uses a symbol to indicate a refereed journal.

Ulrichs periodical directory (Ulrichsweb)

The screenshot shows the Ulrichsweb interface. At the top, there's a header with the Ulrichsweb logo and 'GLOBAL SERIALS DIRECTORY'. Below this is a search bar with 'Quick Search' and 'Title (Exact)' dropdown. The search results section shows 'Search Results: Displaying 1-2 of 2 results' for the title '(Exact): international relations'. A table lists the results, with the first entry being 'International Relations' by Sage Publications Ltd. in the United Kingdom, ISSN 0047-1178, established in 1954, and priced at USD 729.0. Two legends are shown: one in the top right and one at the bottom. Both legends explain the icons used in the title field: a star for 'Reviews', a document icon for 'Refereed', an 'E' for 'Electronic', and a plus sign for 'Open Access'. The bottom legend also includes a 'TITLE' header and a note to 'Click on any header name to sort descending'.

TITLE	PUBLISHER	COUNTRY	ISSN	START	STATUS	PRICE
★ International Relations	Sage Publications Ltd.	United Kingdom	0047-1178	1954	Active	USD 729.0

LEGEND

- ★ Reviews
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TITLE

Click on any header name to sort descending.

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An example of a journal entry in Ulrichs periodical directory with the legend displaying that this journal is a refereed journal.

Problems with peer reviewed ?

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Thank you for watching. For further information either contact library staff or visit the website.