Using Google Scholar

What is Google Scholar?

Google Scholar is a useful supplement to the Library's resources. Academic results are retrieved for journal articles, theses, books, abstracts, conference papers and court opinions. Some of the results will include items available through Federation University Library.

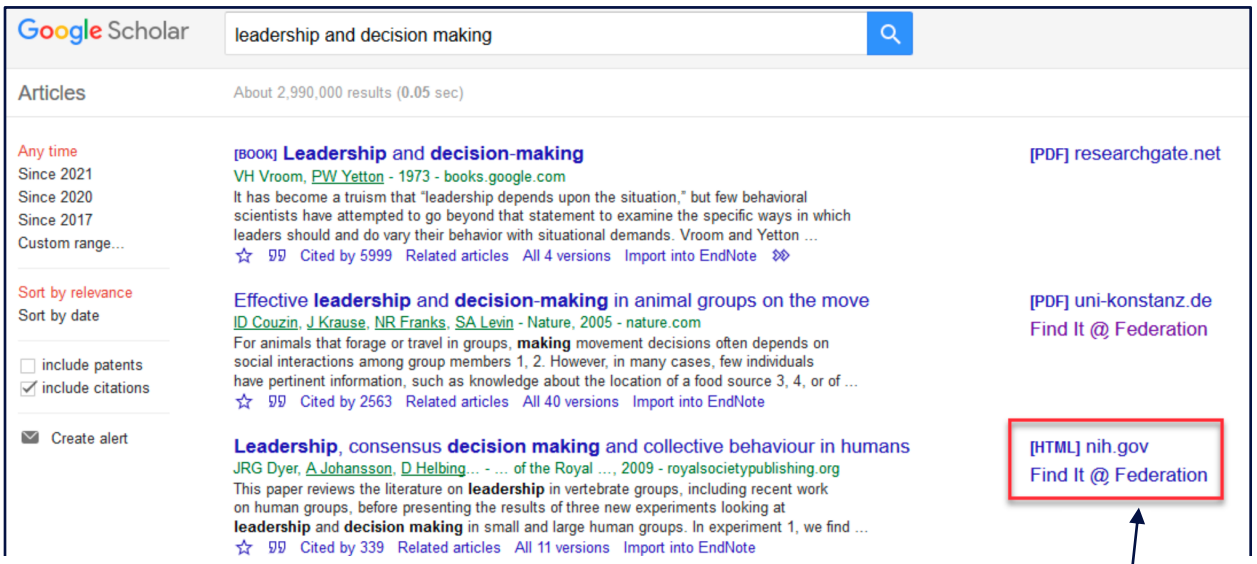
Many of the results you find through Google Scholar will be for *abstracts of articles*, not the full-text. If you would like access to the full-text you need to **link** Google Scholar to the Federation University collection.

Link Google Scholar with Federation University Subscriptions

1. Go to the Google Scholar webpage (scholar.google.com.au)
2. Select the **Settings** option and click on the **Library links**. Type in **Federation**, tick the appropriate box/s and **Save** your selection.
3. Once you have linked Federation University collection to Google Scholar your results list will provide links to full-text copies held by the Library on the right hand side.
4. The following video will also assist you with this process. https://youtu.be/CTYhcwZvuOI

Search Google Scholar

To search Google Scholar, type in your keywords and press Enter or



Click Find it @ Federation to be directed to a Federation University login page

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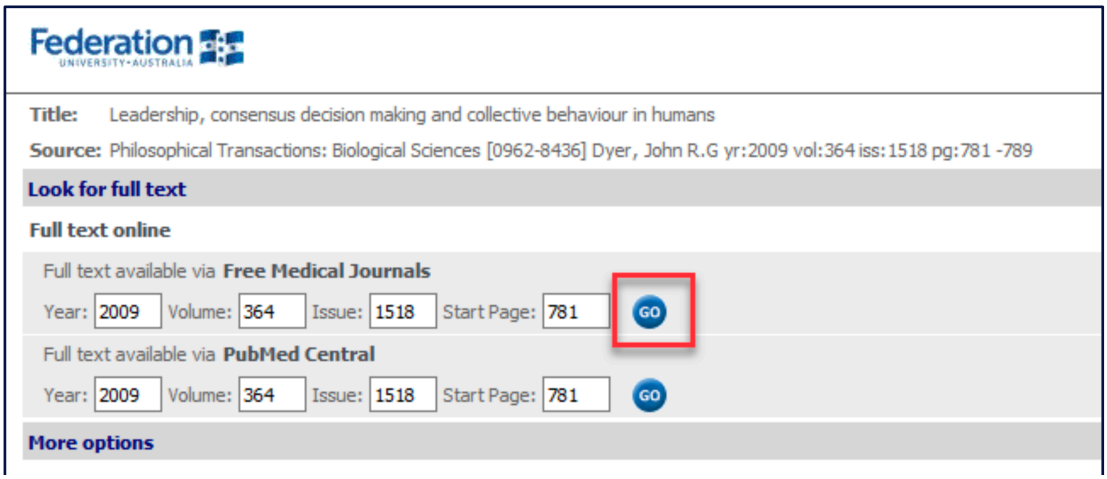


Click on the Go button, login with your Federation University username and password, which will give access to the item.

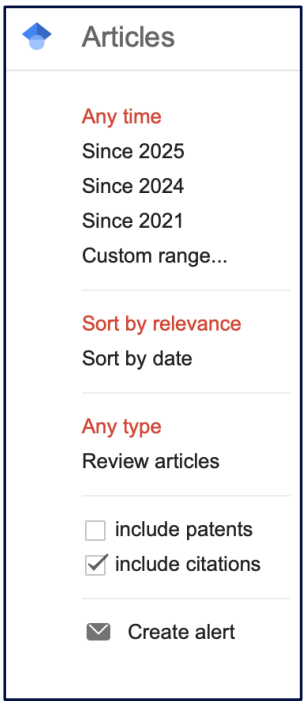
Search tips

Google Scholar searches use AND as a connector by default (e.g. leadership AND decision AND making). You can change this to make your search more comprehensive or more specific.

Some quick tips include:

- **Phrase searching**: put quotation marks around a phrase you would like to search e.g. “decision making”
- **OR searching**: insert OR between similar words that mean the same thing e.g. consensus OR agreement
- **NOT searching**: place – (hyphen) before a word you do not want included in any of the results e.g. –treatise

You can also limit searches by type of publication and year. This can be done after the search is complete by using the options found on the left hand side of the results.



Settings in Google Scholar

You can personalise your settings in Google Scholar to:

- Your preferred language
- Include any participating libraries of which you are a member
- Set up EndNote as your preferred citation software. Use **Settings** and the **Bibliography manager** to do this.
- Exclude patents, citations, articles or legal documents from the search results.

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