

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

The screenshot shows the Google Scholar search interface. The search term 'leadership and decision making' is entered in the search bar. The results are filtered for 'Articles' and show approximately 2,990,000 results in 0.05 seconds. The results are listed in descending order of relevance. Each result includes a title, a link to the source, a brief abstract, and citation information. On the right side of the results, there are links to full-text versions via researchgate.net, uni-konstanz.de, and nih.gov. A red box highlights the 'Find It @ Federation' link for the NIH result. An arrow points from this highlighted link to a callout box at the bottom right that reads: 'Click Find it @ Federation to be directed to a Federation University login page'.



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Title: Leadership, consensus decision making and collective behaviour in humans
Source: Philosophical Transactions: Biological Sciences [0962-8436] Dyer, John R.G yr:2009 vol:364 iss:1518 pg:781 -789

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More options

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

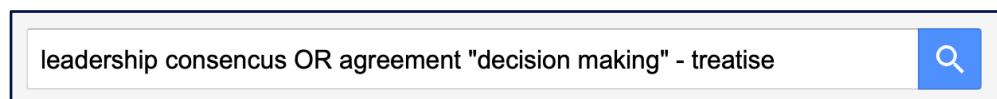
Search tips

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.



 **Articles**

Any time
 Since 2025
 Since 2024
 Since 2021
 Custom range...

Sort by relevance
 Sort by date

Any type
 Review articles

include patents
 include citations

Create alert

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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