

## 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 results for the query "leadership and decision making". The search bar at the top contains the query and a search icon. Below the search bar, it says "Articles" and "About 2,990,000 results (0.05 sec)". On the left side, there are filters for "Any time" (with options: Since 2021, Since 2020, Since 2017, Custom range...) and "Sort by relevance" (with options: Sort by date, include patents, include citations, Create alert). The main results area shows three entries:

- [BOOK] Leadership and decision-making** by VH Vroom, PW Yetton - 1973 - books.google.com. It has a link to "[PDF] researchgate.net".
- Effective leadership and decision-making in animal groups on the move** by ID Couzin, J Krause, NR Franks, SA Levin - Nature, 2005 - nature.com. It has a link to "[PDF] uni-konstanz.de" and "Find It @ Federation".
- Leadership, consensus decision making and collective behaviour in humans** by JRG Dyer, A Johansson, D Helbing... - ... of the Royal Society, 2009 - royalsocietypublishing.org. It has a link to "[HTML] nih.gov" and "Find It @ Federation".

An arrow points from a text box to the "[HTML] nih.gov" link.

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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Year:  Volume:  Issue:  Start Page:  **GO**

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Year:  Volume:  Issue:  Start Page:  **GO**

**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.

leadership consensus OR agreement "decision making" - treatise 

## 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.

 **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



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