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Cited Reference Searching

What is Cited Reference Searching?
Cited Reference Searching allows you find journal articles that use a particular work or author as a reference.

Why is this important?
By using Cited References, you can:
• Find more recently published articles on your topic
• Track how research about a topic has advanced
• See how other researchers respond to information in a particular article
• Determine the relative importance of an article to the field of study

Getting Started

This is how to do a Cited References Search for the following article:


   NOTE: If you are off campus, you need to log into your UH account

2. On the front page of Web of Science, click on Cited Reference Search

3. Cited References can be searched using some or all of the following fields:

   •Cited Author: Enter the last name and first initial of the author followed by an asterisk
     •Only use the first initial with an asterisk – this will ensure that you will capture variations in how the author is cited.
     •Wang J* will find Wang J and Wang JP (as well as Wang JQ, Wang JR, etc.)

   •Cited Work: This refers to the publication name, NOT the title of the article
     •Journals as Cited Works: Only journal abbreviations are recognized in this type of search.
       •Use the Journal Abbreviation List to find the correct abbreviation and copy and paste it into the search field.
       •It is a good practice to include asterisks in the abbreviation to account for any variations in spelling, for example: FEMS Immunol* Med* Mic*
     •Books as Cited Works:
       •There are no set abbreviations for books in Web of Science
       •Enter the first three characters of each word in the title, followed by an asterisk. For example: Wisdom of the Hive should be entered as “wis” hiv” to account for any misspellings

   •Cited Year: Enter a four digit year or a range of years

4. Click Search
Creating a Cited Reference Search

This is what the search for the example citation on the previous page looks like.

**Cited Reference Search.** Find the articles that cite a person’s work.

**Step 1:** Enter the author’s name, the work’s source, and/or publication year.

**Cited Author:** Fridkin S*

*Example: O’Brian C* OR OBrian C*

**Cited Work:** CLIN INFECT DIS*

*Example: J Comput Appl Math*

**journal abbreviation list**

**Cited Year(s):** 1999

*Example: 1943 or 1943-1945*

This information is helpful, especially if an author is well-published.

The next page shows all the cited references that match the information from the example citation. The next step is to select the references for which you want to view the citing articles.

The second reference is a match to the example citation; the cited author, title and year, as well as volume and page numbers are all correct.

The other marked references below match in all fields except page number. These are probably typographical errors and it is reasonable to include these references.

If necessary, you can view more information about the article by clicking View Record or Show Expanded Titles. This is helpful when a title is known, but the volume or page number is not known.

Finally, click Finish Search to conclude the cited reference search and view all the articles which use the original article as a reference.

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