

How do I find scholarly or peer-reviewed articles?

Some faculty may request that you use articles from peer-reviewed journals in doing your research. These articles can be called peer-reviewed, refereed, or scholarly articles. Articles in peer-reviewed and refereed journals are critically reviewed and evaluated by experts and scholars in that field prior to publication; these reviewers evaluate the quality of the methodology, data, analysis, and findings that are presented by the author of the articles. The review process insures that the article contains quality scholarship before it gets published. Journals labeled as scholarly are also written by experts in a discipline for an academic audience. Like peer-reviewed journals, they contain articles on original research and are well documented with in-text references and references to other scholarly research articles. Not all scholarly journals go through the peer-review process, but articles in peer-reviewed or refereed journals are all considered scholarly.

You can limit your search in many of the databases to peer-reviewed articles by checking a box on the search page:

● ProQuest ABI/Inform Complete database:

Basic and Advanced Search have the Peer reviewed box that you can select; the scholarly journals option is under **Source type** on the advanced search screen.

● EBSCO Business Source Elite

Check the box, Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) journals

● Gale Databases:

① From the search results screen, click on **Limit Search by: Peer Reviewed Journals** (far left). If that link is not displayed then select **Academic Journals** under **Content Types** (far left).

② You can also click on the **Advanced Search** link located at the top of the screen. Under **More Options**, select Peer Reviewed Journals.

Gale databases include the following:

Academic OneFile

Business Insights: Global (Click on Academic Journals located under some entries)

Computer Database

Expanded Academic ASAP

General One File

General Reference Center Gold

Health Reference Center Academic (Limit Search by Peer Reviewed Journals)

Health and Wellness Resource Center (check the box: Refereed publications)

LegalTrac (with the search results displayed, click on Limit Search by: Peer Reviewed Journals)

Opposing Viewpoints in Context (Use the **Advanced** link and choose Peer Reviewed Journals under More Options. You will pull up academic journals, but many are not scholarly or peer-reviewed)

● JSTOR – all articles are scholarly