Library Resources for Extension

Get Assistance

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Find quick help at https://lib.colostate.edu/services/ask-us/

Get Started

Start at https://lib.colostate.edu/ to ensure you have access without being asked to pay.

You can also start at http://libguides.colostate.edu/extension to access resources or for more help.

Off-Campus Access

24/7 access to online databases, articles, books, media, and more.

When trying to access library resources from off campus, you should encounter a login screen. Sign in with your eID and password to gain access. If you have trouble, click on Off-Campus Access under the search box on the CSU Libraries home page.

If searching from Primo (library homepage search box), sign in with your CSU eID and password using the yellow “Sign in” bar after you perform a search. This will ensure that you see all full-text options available.

Recommended Databases for Quality Articles & Papers

Get to these databases and more from http://libguides.colostate.edu/extension, or explore all CSU databases by clicking on A-Z Database List from the CSU Libraries homepage:

- **Web of Science** – Good starting place for scientific articles. Includes forestry, natural resources, agriculture, other science topics, and some social science and humanities topics.
  http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=285
- **CAB Abstracts** – Covers all areas of agriculture, soils, and crops. Includes conference proceedings and international agriculture.
  http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=482
- **AGRICOLA** – Database from the National Agriculture Library, with some overlap in content with CAB Abstracts.
  http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=412
- **ERIC** – Covers education and educational programming.
  http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=664
- **Food Science & Technology Abstracts** – Covers food science, nutrition, and food technology.
  http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=408
General Search Tips

- Combine search terms using AND, OR. (Yes, do capitalize!) Examples: “mountain pine beetle” OR “dendroctonus ponderosae”; “rocky mountain” OR Colorado
- Use truncation (often symbolized by an asterisk *) at the end of a word stem to search for other forms of that word. Example: cultiva* captures cultivate, cultivating, cultivar, etc.
- Use quotation marks to search for phrases. Example: “Emerald Ash Borer” will ensure your search only includes results in which those words are side-by-side.

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FindIt@CSU

Use FindIt@CSU to check for full text or other available options when it appears next to citations in our databases.

Connect with Google Scholar

The FindIt@CSU button can be activated within Google Scholar to provide easy access to CSU’s resources. The button should automatically display on campus. Learn how to configure FindIt@CSU for off-campus use at libguides.colostate.edu/googlescholar

*Note there are many things in Google Scholar that are not peer reviewed.*

Interlibrary Loan

No full text online? Request resources through Interlibrary Loan. Going through FindIt@CSU will auto-populate ILL request forms. Most articles will be delivered within 24-48 hours.

No FindIt@CSU button? You can still try requesting the resource through ILL by going to https://lib.colostate.edu/services/interlibrary-loan/, logging in with your eID and password, and filling out the form yourself.

Find Books, Government Documents, Dissertations, etc.

Search Primo, the search box on the library homepage, to find books, gov docs, and much more.
Find books in other libraries via WorldCat, a catalog for U.S. research libraries and select Canadian and European libraries. It can also be helpful for government documents, theses, and proceedings. [http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=278](http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=278) and then order items via Interlibrary Loan.

Find full-text dissertations and theses (1743-present) through Dissertations and Theses Global, including CSU theses (2010-present) and CSU dissertations (1950-present). [http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=588](http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=588)

**Citation Linker**

**Already have a citation?** Use our citation linker by going to [https://lib.colostate.edu/citationfinder](https://lib.colostate.edu/citationfinder)

For articles, include at least the journal title, volume, issue, and start page.

For books, a book title or ISBN is required.

**Having trouble?** Try copying the article or book title into Primo, the search box on the library homepage.

You can also try copying the title into Google Scholar once you have connected it to CSU Libraries.

**Finding Images**

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