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A trusted, high quality collection of journals, books, and conference proceedings
A curated collection

Curated with care by an expert team of in-house Web of Science Editors, the Web of Science Core Collection allows you to search with confidence and explore the deep citation connections in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities.

The Web of Science Core Collection is our premier resource on the Web of Science platform and the world’s original citation index for scientific and scholarly research.

A curated collection, Web of Science Core Collection contains over 21,000 peer-reviewed, high-quality scholarly journals published worldwide (including Open Access journals) in over 250 sciences, social sciences, and arts & humanities disciplines. Conference proceedings and book data are also available.

Our process of curation is unique

Editorial decisions are conducted by our expert in-house editors, who have no affiliations to publishing houses or research institutes. Using objectivity, selectivity, and collection dynamics as the basic principles of our selection process, we use a single set of 28 criteria to evaluate a journal’s quality (24 quality criteria) and influence (4 impact criteria). These are dynamic collections, subject to continuous curation, to ensure journals continue to meet our editorial standards and are in the appropriate collection.

Truly multidisciplinary

The Web of Science Core Collection provides comprehensive coverage of the sciences, social sciences and arts and humanities across journals, books and conference proceedings.

Cover-to-cover indexing

No other resource indexes as deeply and completely as the Web of Science Core Collection. All the journals that we select for inclusion in the collection are indexed cover-to-cover. For each paper, we capture all authors, all author affiliations, abstract and key words (where present), funding acknowledgements, including agency and grant numbers (if provided), and all cited references.

- 1.5 billion cited references dating back to 1900
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- 254 disciplines

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The power of complete cited reference searching enables you to access the entire citation network of 1.5 billion cited reference connections in the Web of Science Core Collection. Cited reference searching lets you track how any idea, innovation, or creative work has been confirmed, applied, improved, extended, or corrected, and discover anyone who is citing your research worldwide.

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The Web of Science Core Collection curates hierarchical structure of over 13,000 institutional names, letting you find all the research from an academic or corporate institution using one version of its name.

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By indexing funding acknowledgements, the Web of Science Core Collection lets you see who is funding the most impactful research in the world. Wherever possible, we add additional funding data from Medline and researchfish.

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Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE): clinical, natural and applied sciences
Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI): social sciences
Arts and Humanities Citation Index (AHCI): arts and humanities
Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI): all disciplines

**Books**
Book Citation Index (BKCI): all disciplines

**Conference proceedings**
Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI): all disciplines

**Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)**
Created as SCI in 1964, Science Citation Index Expanded now indexes over 9,200 of the world’s most impactful journals across 178 scientific disciplines. More than 53 million records and 1.18 billion cited references date back from 1900 to present.

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Search across over 3,400 of the world’s most impactful journals across 58 social sciences disciplines. More than 9 million records and 122 million cited references date back from 1900 to present.

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Arts & Humanities Citation Index contains over 1,800 journals across 28 arts & humanities disciplines. More than 4.9 million records and 33.4 million cited references date back from 1975 to present.

Compared to the clinical, natural and social sciences, the arts & humanities may differ significantly regarding the type of content that is considered to be of scholarly importance, norms for reviewing content, and citation behaviour. The Web of Science editors give these differences due consideration when reviewing journals in these subjects for Arts & Humanities Citation Index.

**Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)**
Search and discover a trusted set of journals with comprehensive coverage by subject and region.

Since launching the Emerging Sources Citation Index in 2015 we have added over 7,800 titles, with backfiles dating back to 2005. Journals included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index cover all disciplines and range from international and broad scope publications to those that provide deeper regional or specialty area coverage.

More than 3 million records and 74.4 million cited references date back from 2005 to present.

Part of the Web of Science Core Collection, Emerging Sources Citation Index contains quality publications, selected by our expert in-house editors for editorial rigor and best practice at a journal level.

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Access cutting-edge, impactful research from over 205,000 conference proceedings.

Conference proceedings represent the leading edge of research – revealing emerging trends and new ideas before they appear in journals.

The Conference Proceedings Citation Index lets you use cited reference searching to see the full impact of conferences and other professional meetings.

The Conference Proceedings Citation Index contains over 205,900 conference proceedings, with 70 million cited references dating back from 1990 to present.
Book Citation Index (BKCI)

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The Book Citation Index includes over 104,500 editorially selected books, with 10,000 new books added each year. Containing more than 53.2 million cited references, coverage dates back from 2005 to present.

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