Using Google Scholar for journal citation searching

What is journal citation searching?
As you search the databases you may find that some of the articles that seem to perfectly respond to, or support, your research question are a little older than you would like. Journal citation searching allows you to search for that article in order to get information about which—more recent—papers have used that article in their own research; the hope being that if they’ve used that article then their paper may be useful in whole, or in part, to your research.

Step 1: Link Google Scholar to the Library’s E-Journals Finder

>> There is a video on the Help tab of all of the health & social care subject guides covering how to link Google Scholar and E-Journals Finder together <<

Do the linking first and then move on to Step 2.

Step 2: Search Google Scholar for the article that you think is useful, but a little old.

NB: make sure that you that enclose the article title in speech marks – even though Google Scholar is only a subset of the internet you still won’t want it to search for each individual word in the article title.

e.g. “Instructional methods used by health sciences librarians to teach evidence-based practice (EBP): a systematic review”

![Image of Google Scholar search result with citation link highlighted]

Figure 1: Google Scholar - initial result view

Towards the bottom of the entry (marked in red in the figure) there should, if that article has been cited by other papers, be a link with the text, ‘Cited by’ followed by
the number of papers / resources. If you click on that link the list of resources will then be displayed.

For the most part they **will** be articles, but you may see that there are some books / book chapters, theses or similar in your results. Because you started off the process by linking Scholar to E-Journals Finder, where Scholar thinks the University Library has full-text access to a paper there should be a link to the right of the item to allow you to double-check and, where possible, navigate to the full-text on our system.

![Figure 2: Link from Scholar to UoD e-journals](image)

**NB:** Don’t forget to be logged into UDo to do this, otherwise the system won’t know if you’re supposed to have access or not.

If you click on the link it will do a live search of our A-Z and then should provide you with a link to the publisher’s site where the full-text is held.

![Figure 3: Link from UoD e-journals to full-text](image)