RMIT University - Library support for postgraduate research students

HDR Student Induction Session
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The Library home page is the first point of access. You can access various resources and services in a variety of ways.

Shortcuts:
- Getting started
- Renewals, loans
- Hours, locations
- Ask a Librarian
- Book rooms, computers
- Referencing guides
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Library Search
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- Reserve - course readings kept in the Library
- eReserve - course readings online
- Past exam papers

Main menu:
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The Blurb: Library blog
- How to find e-books and e-journal articles in LibrarySearch
- How to find a book by a particular author in LibrarySearch
- View all blog posts

Announcements
Web page for researchers and postgraduates

Information for researchers and postgraduate students

Support for your research

Make an appointment with your Liaison Librarian for:
- an individual research consultation
- help with finding relevant resources for your topic and keeping your results up-to-date
- help with developing your research skills
- advice on managing your references
- advice on publishing in quality resources
- advice on measuring your research impact

Services

Check your borrowing rights.

Book the postgraduate research room at Swanston Library via Book It, or

Log In to Document Delivery
Send your purchase suggestion
RMIT Research Repository
Basics of using the Library in person

• Your student card is also your Library card
  Carry it with you at all times

• Collections
  750,00 print volumes – books and journals
  Multimedia - DVDs, CDs, kits

• Use LibrarySearch to search the Library catalogue, as well as many databases and online journals
  >> http://www.rmit.edu.au/librarysearch
Five libraries on three campuses

- Bundoora East Library
- Bundoora Library
- Swanston Library
- Carlton Library
- Brunswick Library
Borrowing

- For PGs, 30 items (books and AV) for 28 days standard loan
- Borrow from any RMIT library, return to any RMIT library
- Place holds for books at other RMIT campuses

- In Victoria - CAVAL Reciprocal Borrowing Program
- Ask for a card at the Service Desk in any RMIT library

- ULANZ to use most university libraries in Australia and New Zealand
- Present your RMIT student card at the library you want to borrow from
- There may be a charge
Facilities and services

- Computers with internet access and University licensed software
- Wireless access throughout all RMIT libraries
- ITS onsite support in Swanston and Bundoora libraries
- Scanners and burners, printing and photocopying
- Individual and group study areas (including Group Study Rooms), silent study areas and a PG student study room in the Swanston and Bundoora libraries
- Rooms and some computers can be self-booked in advance through the web based Book It system
- Borrowing services
Basics of using the Library online

• Access our **electronic resources** 24/7 from anywhere using your RMIT login and password. Start from the Library homepage and enter your login when requested.

• **Online collections**
  - 169,000 full-text electronic journals
  - 124,600 full-text electronic books
  - 400+ academic databases indexing journal articles, conference papers, reports, standards, book chapters

• **LibrarySearch** can be searched for e-journals and e-books at title level and for articles from a number of Library databases.

• **Databases** index or list the contents of journals, conference proceedings, etc. Many databases are not included in LibrarySearch, so research students need to search other library databases as well.
Online services

• Web page – Information for researchers and postgraduate students
• Check LibrarySearch, renew your loans and place holds
• Check other library catalogues – local, interstate and world-wide
• Access e-books, e-journals and databases
• Ask a Librarian for online assistance – email, chat, SMS
• Make room and PC bookings
• Request items not held by RMIT Library through Document Delivery Services – journal articles, books, conference papers
We can help you – information is our business

Assistance is available:

- In the libraries at Information or Help desks
- Online, through the Ask a Librarian email, chat and SMS services
- From your Liaison Librarian, an information specialist

We guarantee a response!
Specialised assistance

**Liaison Librarians** can advise you how to:

- Find the best information resources for your research topic
- Search databases and the internet efficiently and effectively
- Keep your search results up-to-date
- Save and manage your research results and cite your sources correctly

**Contact your Liaison Librarian**

>> rmit.edu.au/library/librarians/seh
Your literature review – possible resources

• **Books and specialized reference resources** for background investigation

• **Review articles and review journals** for an overview of developments in your discipline area

• **Research databases** to identify journal articles, conference papers etc.

• **Citation databases** to track the development of earlier research and to identify influential research

• **Theses databases** to see examples of published theses and to ensure you are not duplicating work already done
Finding the best resources

**Subject Guides** save you time by guiding you to key resources in your subject area

**Start your searching here**

>> rmit.edu.au/library/subjectguides
Aerospace Engineering

Find the best library resources for all aspects of aerospace engineering, and related technical reports.

Last Updated: Apr 11, 2013  URL: http://rmit.libguides.com/aerospaceeng

Accessing journals

Clicking the FindIt button will help you locate the full text.

Further help is available on locating full text articles.

If you have the details of an article, you can put them into citation linker to see if it is available online.

For an alphabetical list of e-journals, go to Find It ejournal list.

If you can’t link to the full text, request the article via the Library’s Document Delivery Service.

If you are having trouble, post a query to

Key databases

- ARC: Aerospace Research Central - Books
- ARC: Aerospace Research Central - Journals
- Aerospace Database
- Scopus
- Jane’s All the World’s Aircraft [online]

Suggested journals

Academic journals

- Aerospace science and technology
- AIAA journal
- Aircraft design
- Aircraft engineering
- Journal of aircraft
- Journal of aerospace engineering

Trade magazines

- Aviation week & space technology
- Flight International
Finding and Obtaining Theses

RMIT theses

The RMIT theses collection consists of scholarly works deemed to satisfy the award requirements of an RMIT degree by research.

The library holds a print copy of all PhD and Masters (Research) theses fully completed prior to 31 May 2006. They may be viewed on request at the Swanston Library Service/Enquiries Desk. Some theses from 1985-2002 are also available on microfiche at the Bundool and Swanston Libraries.

RMIT digital theses are accessible in the RMIT Research Repository.

Coursework and minor theses are not generally kept in our Library. Contact the appropriate School for these items.

Comments (0)

Obtaining RMIT theses

RMIT staff and students:

- Make a request at the Swanston Library Service Desk (up to 24 hr delay).
- Print theses may be requested to be sent to other Library sites for viewing via Document Delivery Services.
- You can purchase microfiche copies of RMIT theses for $22.00 (GST inclusive). Make request via Document Delivery Services.

Finding RMIT theses online

The RMIT Research Repository is now the central location for all RMIT University digital theses.

Use Advanced Search to search for theses on a topic and limit your search results to Theses. You can also limit results to theses from a specific RMIT school.

Comments (0)
Using information resources

Develop your information research skills by attending Library sessions:

• arranged by your School or College
• delivered as part of the On Track program in the School of Graduate Research
• offered at different Library sites (self-booked, introductory)

Online guides and tutorials are also available
  >> rmit.edu.au/library-guides
During your major literature review

Manage your references

• the University provides the **EndNote** program for use by all students and staff

• Download the EndNote program from the Library’s *EndNote* guide
  >> rmit.edu.au/library/endnote

• the Library runs *EndNote for beginners* sessions

**Request items not held at RMIT through Document Delivery Services**

  >> www.rmit.edu.au/library/dds
After your major literature review

Stay current with new information in your research area – set up alerts so you are informed automatically when new information matches your search topic.
Thesis writing and beyond

• Consult texts and guides (including online tutorials) on thesis writing, referencing styles and presentation skills

• Consult your Liaison Librarian about inserting EndNote references into your thesis

• Use databases (Journal Citation Reports, Ulrich’s Periodicals Directory) to identify high quality journals in which to publish

• Explore other possibilities – forthcoming conferences, further research or study, research funding sources

Remember, assistance is always available
Your thesis in the RMIT Research Repository

Search Results (All Fields:"polymers", isMemberOf:"rmit:4912", Status:"Published")

Browse Results (108 results found)

Refine

Author Name
Tran, T (2)

Keywords
Composite materials (4)
Nanostructured materials (4)
Composite materials -- Testing (3)
Polymeric composites (3)
Nanotechnology (2)
Polyethylene (2)
molecular dynamics (2)

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Ranath, S 2010, Tools for diagnosis and prediction of deterioration of timber bridges in Australia, Masters Thesis, School of Civil, Environmental and Chemical Engineering, RMIT University.

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Any questions?