RMIT University - Library support for postgraduate research students

HDR Student Induction & Research Culture Session
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RMIT University Library >> rmit.edu.au/library
Basics of using the Library in person

• Six libraries across three campuses
  City campus – Swanston, Business and Carlton libraries
  Bundoora campus – Bundoora and Bundoora East libraries
  Brunswick campus – Brunswick Library

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

• The Library catalogue lists the Library’s collections and
gives locations and availability for each item
>> http://cat.lib.rmit.edu.au
Borrowing

• From RMIT University Library
  - Your student card is also your Library card
  - 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

• From other university libraries
  - In Victoria - **CAVAL Reciprocal Borrowing Program**
  - Ask for a card at the Service Desk in any RMIT library

  - Interstate – **National Borrowing Scheme** to use most university libraries
  - Present your RMIT student card at the library you want to borrow from
  - There may be a charge
Facilities and services

• Many networked computers with internet access and University licensed software
• Wireless access throughout all RMIT libraries
• ITS onsite support in Swanston and Bundoora libraries Adaptative equipment
• Scanners and burners, printing and photocopying
• Individual and group study areas (including Group Study Rooms), silent study areas
• 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

• Online collections
  - 73,500 full-text electronic journals
  - 30,000 full-text electronic books
  - 400+ academic databases indexing journal articles, conference papers, reports, standards, book chapters

• 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

• The catalogue lists e-journals and e-books at title level
  Databases index or list the contents of journals, conference proceedings, etc.
Online services

• Web page - For researchers and postgraduates
• Check the RMIT catalogue, 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 and chat
• Make room and PC bookings
• Request items not held by RMIT Library through Document Delivery Services, for example, 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 and chat 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

- Books - texts, specialized encyclopedias, handbooks, e-books
- Journals – top research journals
- Databases – multidisciplinary, full-text, subject specific, format specific, citation databases and more…
- Websites – subject gateways, specialized search engines, open archives etc.
- specialized resources – codes and standards, patents, reports etc.

**Start your searching here**

>> rmit.edu.au/library/subjectguides
Sustainable energy

This research guide will provide you with starting points for finding information on all aspects of sustainable and renewable energy sources, including geothermal, hydrogen, solar, and wind.

Last update: Apr 13th, 2010
URL: http://rmit.libguides.com/sustainableenergy
Print/Mobile Guide
RSS Updates

Find articles

What is a database?
The databases listed here give subject access to information found in journals, conference papers, newspapers, reports and other publications. Some databases provide the full text of publications online, others only index journals or provide summaries of the articles. In many cases you can link to the full text by clicking on the button.

Access: The databases listed are available to RMIT students and staff on and off campus. (NDS) login and password are required for remote access.

More information is available on the Searching our databases guide.

Key Databases

Generally, these are the best resources for research in sustainable energy. If you're not sure where to begin, start your search for information here:

- Scopus
  Excellent multidisciplinary database, covering physical, life, health and social sciences. Over 14,000 sources are indexed.
  Results include scholarly articles, websites & patents.
  Sort on “Cited by” to find the articles most cited by other researchers.

- Elsevier Business Source Premier
  Articles on business and scientific aspects of sustainable energy.
  Articles on trade publications and magazines.

- SourceOECD
  Online library of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. SourceOECD comprises the full text of 20 Book collections by theme, containing all OECD monographs & reports. Energy titles include:
  - Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Generation: Case studies of recently constructed coal and gas-fired power plants, 2007
  - Mind the Gap: Quantifying Principal-Agent Problems in Energy Efficiency, 2007

- Compendex (Engineering village)
  Indexes the worldwide engineering literature, and the “Find it” button provides links to any full text to which the Library subscribes.

- Energy Citations Database
  This database includes records of literature in subjects of interest to the US Department of Energy, for example, chemistry, physics, materials, environmental science, engineering, mathematics, climatology, oceanography, and related disciplines.
Finding and Obtaining Theses

RMIT theses collection

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 2008. They may be viewed on request at the Swanston Library Service/Enquiries Desk. Some theses from 1965-2002 are also available on microfiche at the Bundoora 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.

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 print and microfiche RMIT theses in the catalogue

To find RMIT theses available in print or on microfiche, on the Quick Search page in the Library catalogue, type subject keywords, use 'Keywords' or 'phrase anywhere' option, and limit to 'Printed RMIT Theses'.

Quick Search

You are searching RMIT University Library catalogue.

Scan the list of results for the call number of a print thesis (e.g. STK THR 538.77 H654) or the microfiche number (e.g. Fiche No. 1475).

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.
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
- the Library has an EndNote page
  >> rmit.edu.au/library/endnote
- the Library runs Basic EndNote 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 on thesis writing, referencing styles and graphic presentation

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

• Use databases (JCR, 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