A guide to research
Gippsland Library

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Look in the CATALOGUE (http://library.monash.edu.au/) using subjects such as these

- Academic writing
- Proposal writing for grants
- Action research
- Research grants – Australia
- Dissertations, academic
- Research methodology
- Interviewing
- Research – statistical methods
- Qualitative research
- Social sciences - research

Add the search terms “research” or “research methodology” to your field of study e.g. nursing research methodology.

Use databases to search for journal articles, reports, conference proceedings, etc. Library databases may be accessed at http://lib.monash.edu.au/databases/

The following should prove useful when conducting your research.

- **Academic research library**
- JCR – Journal citation reports
- **AusStats**
- Libraries Australia
- **Australasian Digital Theses Program**
- ProQuest dissertations & theses
- **Current contents connect**
- Web of knowledge
- **Educational research abstracts online**
- Web of science
- **Index to theses in Great Britain and Ireland**

To use databases effectively, refer to the “How to use” database guides available from the Information Desk and via email (see at end) for off campus learners. These guides include useful hints on effective and advanced search strategies and techniques.

Finding a thesis

**Monash theses** received since 1986 are included in the library catalogue. Use the key words ‘Monash thesis’ with your own subject eg ‘nursing Monash thesis’.

**Australian theses**
Search the databases **Libraries Australia** and **Australasian Digital Theses Program**.

**Overseas theses**
Search the database **Index to theses in Great Britain and Ireland** for British theses and **ProQuest Dissertations & theses** for selected international masters theses and doctoral dissertations with an emphasis on North America.

**Obtaining a non-Monash thesis**
If the library does not hold the thesis you require it may be obtained though the Document Delivery Service. It is usually purchased and may take some time before you will be able to access it.
Some useful books available from the Gippsland Library are listed below.


**Style guides and manuals available from the Gippsland library.**


**Research help**

Useful library online tutorials may be found at [http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/tutorials/](http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/tutorials/) and include topics such as

- Citing and referencing
- Finding a thesis
- Using Endnote.

**Endnote**

*Endnote* is the bibliographic management software licensed to Monash University students and can be downloaded from the following website [http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/endnote/obtain-endnote.html](http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/endnote/obtain-endnote.html)


**Keeping current - Alerts**

In order for you to stay up-to-date with research in your area, some databases offer an alerting service. This means that you can save searches in your area of interest, and when the database is updated you will be emailed the newest records that match that search.

The Gippsland Library Subject Librarians are available for consultation.

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