

## PATHFINDER 12: **Guide to SCOPUS**

Scopus is an abstract and citation database of research literature and quality web sources. It contains over 38 million records from peer reviewed journals, books, conference papers and trade publications. It also searches over 400 million scientific web pages, articles-in-press and selected resources such as institutional repositories, digital archives and special subject collections. It covers a range of subjects including the health, life and physical sciences as well as the social sciences and humanities.

### **Getting started**

From the Library's [HPS resources](#) select Indexes and bibliographies and click on Scopus.

### **How to search**

There are 4 ways to search: document, author, affiliation, and advanced.

#### *Author Search*

- Type your search terms into the search box.
- Using the drop down menu on the right, select the field you want to search in (author, article title, keywords etc.).
- You can add more search boxes by clicking on the “add search field” button and use the AND/OR/ AND NOT drop down box to link the search terms.
- Your search can be limited by date, document type and subject area.
- Click on search.
- On the results screen you can click on the various tabs across the top of the screen (scopus, more, web, patents) to see the results found in the various parts of the database.
- If you want to make the results more specific use the “Refine results” tick boxes then click on “limit to” or “exclude”. You can also add more terms to refine your search results by clicking on “add categories” and “display” drop down menu.
- Place ticks in the boxes for the records you are interested in and click on “add to my list”. You can then perform another search or export the results.

#### *Author search*

Allows you to search for authors and, if required, their affiliation (university).

### *Affiliation search*

Here you can search by affiliation (University departments, for example) and see articles written by their members.

### *Advanced search*

This type of search allows you to input various search terms along with the relevant code to create in-depth searches.

## **Saving, Printing, and Emailing results**

When you have finished searching, click on the “my list” button at the top of the screen. This will show all the records you have marked. From here you can click in the tick boxes of the records you want to export, email, print, etc. Select which method you would like to use to output the results by clicking on the corresponding button. This will take you to the output screen where by following the straight forward instructions in section 2 you can export your chosen results.

You can also output results from the individual record screen in a similar way.