



LIBRARY: POSTGRADUATE/RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Overview

This training programme equips postgraduate students with advanced information literacy skills to locate, evaluate, and use library resources for research and scholarly writing. It fosters independent research and ethical information use, enhancing critical thinking and analytical abilities. The Wits University Library provides essential collection resources to support research alongside knowledgeable staff to support discovery, FAIR/CARE approaches to manage your data, scholarly publishing advice, and preservation of your research outputs.

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TOPIC	OUTCOMES	DATE
Library Resources & Services		
Overview of library services, resources, and facilities	Introduction to library resources, services, and spaces available for postgraduates and researchers.	6 May 2025
Find scholarly articles and books using the library discovery tools!	Learn how to use the library catalogue and databases to find relevant scholarly information sources.	8 May 2025
Search Strategies: Advanced search techniques to select & refine search terms	Be equipped with methods of conducting your search using smart search techniques and strategies.	13 May 2025
e-Book collection & Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs: Carry your entire library wherever you go!	Introduction to the university's e-book collections and how to access them remotely.	15 May 2025
Library Databases Training: Subject specific (PubMed & Medline)	Discover how to search, find, and download scholarly/academic sources.	20 May 2025
Library Database Training: Science Direct & EBSCOhost	Navigate across a broad array of high-quality sources using AI to help find and download scholarly/academic sources.	22 May 2025
Library Database Training: Scopus & Web of Science	Compare research performance to peers using Research Metrics Toolkit.	27 May 2025
Library Databases Training: Subject specific (LexisNexis & Westlaw)	Build a precise search using operators to find and download scholarly/academic sources.	29 May 2025
Library Support for Evidence Synthesis (Systematic Reviews/ Literature Reviews)	Training on the methodology of gathering and analysing existing research on a specific topic.	3 June 2025
Library Databases Training: Sabinet & Proquest	Hands-on training on how to search, find, and download scholarly/academic sources from and about Africa.	5 June 2025
Library Databases Training: Subject specific (IEEE)	Explore and learn how to search, find, and download scholarly/academic sources.	10 June 2025
Research Proposal Support		
Copyright compliance	Guidance on ethical writing, avoiding plagiarism, copyright laws, and proper referencing techniques.	12 June 2025
Mastering reference management tools (Zotero)	Training on using reference management tools to organize citations and create bibliographies efficiently.	17 June 2025
Research Data Management (Data Management Plan)	Learn how to handle research data: creation, preservation and sharing (Funders and institution's requirements).	19 June 2025
Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals	To know about SDGs and how to integrate them during research	24 June 2025
Introduction to Scopus AI	Learn how to use AI to find trusted sources to accelerate your research.	26 June 2025
Research Data Management		
Research Data Management (FAIR and CARE Data Principles)	Overview of best practices for research data management, storage, and sharing.	1 July 2025
Wits Data Vault (Research Data Repository)	Hands- on training in creating RDM projects and uploading datasets to the data repository	3 July 2025
Publishing & Research Visibility		
Research Visibility and Impact	Learn how to use Research Impact Analyses Tools	8 July 2025
Scholarly Communication and Publishing	Maximizing your research impact through open access publishing	10 July 2025
Research e-visibility: creating Researcher Profiles e.g. ORCID/ google scholar	Guidance on setting up and managing researcher profiles for academic visibility.	15 July 2025



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