

EBSCO databases STEM: quick start guide

EBSCO produce a number of different databases, covering Arts, Social Sciences, Science and Technology, Business, and Health and Medicine. You can search across all of them, or you can select a specific database or selection to focus your search.

Getting started

1. Go to the library homepage at <http://library.leeds.ac.uk> or to the **Learn** tab in Minerva.
2. Type **EBSCO** into the Library search box if you would like to browse everything, or type the name of the specific resource, e.g. **Social Work Abstracts**.
3. You may be taken into the resource or you may be a results list. The list will provide an overview of the different databases, and you can select each resource you would like to search
4. Once you are taken into the EBSCO search page you may find it helpful to choose the **Advanced search**.

Searching Social Work Abstracts

The screenshot shows the EBSCO search interface for Social Work Abstracts. The search bar contains the query: "disab* AND poverty OR poor AND UK OR United Kingdom". The interface includes a "Search" button, a "Clear" button, and a "Reset" button. Below the search bar, there are options for "Search Modes and Expanders" (Boolean/Phrase, Find all my search terms, Find any of my search terms, SmartText Searching) and "Limit your results" (Linked Full Text, Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals, Author, Publication, Published Date, Document Type). The callout boxes provide the following instructions:

- 1. Combine keywords with AND / OR
- 2. Type your keywords into the search boxes. It is possible to combine terms with OR in a single box.
- 3. Many different search options, All text, Author, Title, Journal Source.
- 4. Limit your search by type of document, date published and many more.

Combining keywords

- Use AND to search for both the words and narrow the search, eg Poverty AND Disability
- Use OR to search for either of your terms and broaden your search, eg Britain OR UK

Understanding your results and finding the full text

2. Narrow your search by using limits in the left hand column.

1. Add to folder to save, email, print or export references to Endnote.

3. Links take you to more details, often a summary (abstract) of the article.

The screenshot shows a search results page with a 'Refine Results' sidebar on the left. The sidebar includes sections for 'Current Search' (Boolean/Phrase: disab* AND (poverty OR poor) AND (UK OR United Kingdom)), 'Limit To' (Linked Full Text, Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals, Electronic Only), 'Publication Date' (1976 to 2015), 'Source Types' (All Results, All Journals (11)), and 'Subject' and 'Publication' filters. The main results area shows three articles with their titles, authors, and subjects. Callout boxes point to the 'Add to folder' icon, the article details, and the 'check@leeds' button.

1. To find the full text, click on [check@leeds](#). It will try and link you directly to the full text.

**2. If it can't find a direct link it will try and find a link to our print copies of the journal
Or a link to the library catalogue to search for the title of the journal.**

The screenshot shows the 'Results from Check@Leeds' page for the article 'Compounding conditional citizenship: To what extent does Scottish and English mental health law increase or diminish citizenship?'. It includes the author 'Mackay, K.', the journal 'The British Journal of Social Work', and a 'check@leeds' button. Callout boxes point to the button, the 'On-line full text articles' link, and the 'Leeds holds some volumes of this title in print format' link.

Cited References

If you click the **Cited References** link on a result, a new screen presents a list of records/references which have been cited/used in your article.

Getting help

- Click on **Help** in the top right corner of the database search screen.
- Contact Library enquiries: <https://library.leeds.ac.uk/contact/enquiries>