



## HOW TO ACCESS DATABASES

If you need to find information - such as journal articles, conference papers and book chapters - to complete projects and assignments, databases can help you do this. You search databases using the words that describe the topic you are interested in. The Library provides access to lots of databases. To access, click on the link to Databases on the Library home page.

If you know the name of the database you are looking for you can find it by searching or by browsing the alphabetical list.

If you are not sure which database to search, click on the Databases by subject tab

Choose the subject you are interested in

Some subjects provide lists of all databases relevant to the subject, as well as key databases. Key databases are a good place to start if you are not sure which database would be best for you. Your Subject Librarian can also advise you.

All our databases have links to connect to them, information you may need about access, for on campus and off campus. You can see full details of the resource, for example a description of what the database covers. To open a database, click on name of the database beside Connect to

Some databases need a username and password to access them. In many cases this will be your GUID. For more information about your GUID, click on 'About your GUID'.

Other databases will take you to a web page where the log-in may be described as Institutional Access, UK Federation or Shibboleth. These all mean you should use your GUID. Choose this link, select University of Glasgow and you will then be taken to the local GUID log-in page.

Many databases can be accessed from off campus, for example, at home or in a hall of residence. See the information about off campus access. Some can only be accessed from off campus if you have the University's VPN software installed in your home computer or laptop. For more information about this, click on the link to 'VPN requirements'.

Other databases have no access restrictions and can be accessed both on an off campus.

For more help with accessing databases either on or off campus contact Library Services or your Subject Librarian, who will also be able to advise on the best databases for your subject and how to search them.