Making Google Scholar Work for You

What is Google Scholar?

Google Scholar ([http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)) is an Internet search engine for locating selected scholarly information. Its scope includes:

- Abstracts, articles, books, preprints (a pre-released version of a scholarly article that is available prior to its publication in a scholarly journal), conference proceedings, court opinions, technical reports, and information from online repositories (examples include colleges who collect dissertations, theses, articles, and other reports by faculty and students in one place to be saved and accessed).

Not all information retrieved via Google Scholar is freely accessible. Some results will link to journal article abstracts or other documents for which a subscription is required. Google Scholar can be configured to include a link to the Ort Library’s online and print resources as a part of your search results. This is accomplished through a link to the Library’s Find It service.

If you are searching Google Scholar from a computer on campus, a large FindIt@Frostburg link should automatically be provided to the right of each result for which full text is available through the Library’s databases and/or in the Libraries print holdings as in the example below. If you are not seeing the FindIt@Frostburg link, click on “More” or “>>” under a result.

Access the full text article from the Ort Library’s Databases.
Clicking on the FindIt@Frostburg link will provide you with access to full text content options made available by the Library. If full text is not available, a link to order books or articles from the Library’s Interlibrary Loan service will be displayed.

For example, clicking on the FindIt@Frostburg link under the title *Cultural Intelligence* in the example above will provide you with the following screen which includes a direct link to the full text of the article.

Links to the full text of articles and other documents will appear similar to the example above.

### Setting up the FindIt@Frostburg Link for Off Campus Access

Google Scholar can be set up to access the FindIt@Frostburg link when you are off campus. First you have to set up Google Scholar to see the FindIt@Frostburg link. Follow the steps below to set this up:

1. Click on the icon at the top of the main Google Scholar search page (http://scholar.google.com) to set up settings for off-campus access to FindIt@Frostburg.
2. On the next screen, click on the search icon or “Settings” (if you are already logged into a Google Account).
3. Then select **Library Links** on the next screen.

![Google Scholar Settings](image)

4. On the next screen, search for Frostburg.
5. Select “Frostburg State University – FindIt@Frostburg”
6. Click the **Save** button.

![Google Scholar Library Links](image)

7. It will then bring you back to the main Google Scholar search screen. You can search on your keywords and once you find a result with FindIt@Frostburg, you can click on that link to access the resources in the library’s databases.
8. Off-campus users will also need to enter the barcode number on their FSU ID card and last name the first time selecting the FindIt@Frostburg link. However, if you completely close the browser you are working in, you may need to log back in.

**TIPS**
- Use the FindIt@Frostburg links to obtain the full text of an article.
- Don’t pay for articles accessed through Google Scholar. Click on the FindIt@Frostburg link. Even if there isn’t a link to full text, the Library can get it for you through Interlibrary Loan.

For additional assistance, please contact a Reference Librarian at libref@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4424.