



How to Find a Journal

This guide will provide you with instructions on how to identify and find a journal at MacRae Library using our online search tool, Resolver.

WHAT IS A JOURNAL?

A journal (sometimes called a periodical or serial) is a publication that is published at regular intervals that contain articles on separate subjects written by a variety of authors.

A **scholarly** or **peer-review** journal, such as the Canadian Journal of Economics, is a journal that is published for scholars by scholars, containing articles usually written on an original research project.

The articles are written in a formal, structured style (title, abstract, literature review, methodology, results and so on) accompanied by a large bibliography. Articles are peer-reviewed (read and reviewed by peers) before being published.

A **popular press** journal, such as Time magazine, contains articles that report on news or summarize research. The articles are generally written by staff writers or journalists in an informal tone and the articles may contain pictures and a small or no bibliography.

The articles are usually shorter in length and placed alongside advertisements. Articles may be approved by an editor before being published.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ELECTRONIC AND PRINT JOURNAL?

An electronic journal is the same as a print journal except you can access electronic journals on your computer. In fact, many journals are available only online and have ceased or reduced the content of print publication.

WHO CAN ACCESS JOURNALS AT NSAC?

Current students, staff or faculty of NSAC have full access to electronic journals and print journals. There are 10

computers available to the public to use in the library. Only current students, staff or faculty at NSAC may access journals from off-campus.

Some electronic journals are available **on campus only**.

HOW DO I FIND JOURNALS?

Step 1: Use Resolver

Resolver is an online tool that you can search to find a journal at MacRae Library. It is an A-Z list of all electronic and print journals held at MacRae Library with links to either the journal website (in the case of electronic journals) or the Novanet Catalogue (for print journals).

Resolver is found on the MacRae Library website under "Find Information, or directly at the following url: <http://nsac-resolver.asin-risa.ca/>

Step 2: Basic Search

You may search for a journal title by: title keyword, title begins with, the exact match to title, or the ISSN.

0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

If you don't know the journal title, search using the "title keywords" feature.

Search for:

title keywords title begins with exact match to title ISSN

[Browse by Publisher](#) [Browse by Database/Journal Package](#)

A result list in alphabetical order will display. Scroll down until you find the title you want (ex. Canadian Journal of Economics).

Your search: canadian journal of economics

Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics		ISSN: 0008-3976
available in Nova Scotia Agricultural College Library Print Holdings	Novanet	Notes: v.1-44 (1952-1996) ; v.46- (1998-) NOTE: [Location : Current/Bound Periodicals] NOTE: [Annual Meeting Proceedings are a supplement to, and until bound, are shelved with issues of the Canadian Journal of Economics in Current Periodicals. Annual Meeting Proceedings are bound together with the Proceedings of the Workshop of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (Bound Periodicals)]
available in Wiley Interscience	Go to Journal	Full Text: March 1952 - present (v1 I1 -)
The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science / Revue canadienne d'Economie et de Science politique		ISSN: 0315-4890
available in JSTOR Arts & Sciences II Collection	Go to Journal	Full Text: February 01 1935 - November 01 1967
Canadian Journal of Economics / Revue canadienne d'economique		ISSN: 0008-4085
available in Nova Scotia Agricultural College Library Print Holdings	Novanet	Notes: v.4.no.1 (1971) ; v.6.no.2-4 (1973) ; v.7.no.1 (1974) NOTE: [Location : Storage] v.1-3 (1968-1970) ; v.5 (1972) ; v.9- (1976-) NOTE: [Location : Current/Bound Periodicals]
available in Wiley Interscience	Go to Journal	Full Text: February 2000 - present (v33 I1 -)
available in JSTOR Arts & Sciences II Collection	Go to Journal	Full Text: February 01 1968 - November 01 2005

In this example, we can see that this journal is available in 3 places. The first line says it is available in **“Nova Scotia Agricultural College Library Print Holdings.”** This means that we have the printed version of the journal.

Step 3: Link to the Electronic Journal or Print Record

By clicking on the link “Novanet”, you will be directed to the Novanet Catalogue to view the detailed record information. The “Notes” section also tells you the location and holdings information.

available in Nova Scotia Agricultural College Library Print Holdings	Novanet	Notes: v.4.no.1 (1971) ; v.6.no.2-4 (1973) ; v.7.no.1 (1974) NOTE: [Location : Storage] v.1-3 (1968-1970) ; v.5 (1972) ; v.9- (1976-) NOTE: [Location : Current/Bound Periodicals]
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In this example, we can see that there are gaps in the holdings from 1971-1974. An additional note tells us that Vol. 1-3 (1968-1971) are held in Storage, and that v.5 (1972); v.9-(1976-) are located in Current/Bound Periodicals.

Note: When you see a volume number or year with a dash (-) after them, it means that there are no volumes missing from that date to the present.

We can also see that the journal is available online in two databases, **Wiley Interscience** and **JSTOR Arts & Sciences II Collection**.

available in Wiley Interscience	Go to Journal	Full Text: February 2000 - present (v33 I1 -)
available in JSTOR Arts & Sciences II Collection	Go to Journal	Full Text: February 01 1968 - November 01 2005

By looking at “Full Text” on the right hand side, we can see the article availability. For example, full text articles are available in Wiley Interscience from February 2000-present (v33I1-). In JSTOR, full text is available from February 01 1968-November 01 2005. JSTOR had a deep archive that is usually available but has a publishers embargo (“moving wall”) on the last 3 years.

To access the journals, simply choose the database you wish to use by clicking on the green link “Go to Journal.” The journal page in the database will open up in a new window.

If there is no electronic or print access to the journal, the screen will indicate this:

Your search: reader's digest

No results for *reader's digest*

If unavailable, make an [Interlibrary Loan Request](#)

As you can see in the screen above, there are no results for “reader’s digest” and you have the option to make an Interlibrary Loan Request.

Simply login to the Interlibrary Loan Request. Make sure that the form is filled out correctly and submit your request.

HELP

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