Find full text – top tips

5 top tips to maximise your full text access.

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1 Do we have the journal at all?

1.1 Check iDiscover

iDiscover searches all the journals accessible either in print or online via University of Cambridge subscriptions. If it's not listed in iDiscover, and if the researcher has not made the article available open access, you will not be able to read it for free online. If you have identified an article through another search engine (e.g. Google Scholar or Pubmed) but can't seem to read it freely online, iDiscover should be your first port of call, as it will save you a lot of time.

University of Cambridge staff and students can access the articles you find in iDiscover off campus if you log in with Raven. NHS staff will only be able to access this material when using a Medical Library computer.

1.2 Check NHS ejournals

NHS ejournals checks to see if you have access to a journal with your NHS Athens login. If the journal is available to Athens users, it will show you the range of dates of publication that you will be able to access.

Please note that although the Medical Library administers your Athens account, the library is not responsible for the choice of journals that Athens subscribes to — this choice is made by your Trust.
2 Connect your reference manager

Use this option to connect Endnote so it knows you’re at Cambridge. Endnote has an automated option to find full text (see our Endnote Top Tips guide for more details) and when connected to Cambridge, will work better and find more PDFs for you.

These are the instructions:
There are not currently any similar options available for other reference management software.

3 Does Google Scholar know you're at Cambridge?

Use this option as part of your normal, day to day searching

- How?

When you use Google Scholar, ensure the settings are maximised to find Cambridge full text wherever you're working: go to Settings, then click 'Library Links' and update it so that University of Cambridge is selected. When you search, you will then see 'ejournals@cam — full text' next to each search result.
4 Link smarter on Pubmed

http://tinyurl.com/campubmed has an extra button for every paper, so you can check if Cambridge provides access that is different to the publisher access suggested by Pubmed.

5 Use a browser extension to prioritise open access versions in your search results

Use any of Lean Library, Kopernio, Unpaywall, or Core Discovery. These will highlight open access versions of articles in your search results.

6 Contact the Medical Library

The training team is always happy to help – just email librarytraining@medschl.cam.ac.uk