

HOW TO CONDUCT A LITERATURE SEARCH STEP BY STEP

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FIRST

Go to the Purdue Library website:

<http://www.lib.purdue.edu/>

Select Databases



The screenshot shows the Purdue University Libraries website. At the top, there's a header with "PURDUE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES". To the right, a yellow box says "Have Feedback on the new design? Click here". Below this are links for "Hours", "My Account", "Ask a Librarian", and a "GIVE" button. A dark navigation bar contains "FIND | SERVICE | HELP | ABOUT |" and "SELECT A LIBRARY" with a dropdown arrow. The main content area has tabs for "Search All", "Books & Media", "Course Reserves", "Articles", and "Website". A search input field contains the placeholder text "Find Articles, Books, Media, Collections & Archives" and examples like "Examples: Armstrong Engineering, etc.". A red circle highlights the "Databases" link under the "Browse:" section. Other links include "Catalogs", "Online Journals", and "Advanced Search". On the right, there's a promotional banner for "Women at Work" featuring a woman with a telescope. At the bottom, four columns represent different library services: "DISCOVER" (Library Guides by Subject, Tutorials, Quick References), "STUDY" (Study Rooms, Equipment & Media, Print, Copy, & Scan), "SERVICE" (Interlibrary Loan, UBorrow, Instructor Services), and "ABOUT" (Strategic Plan, Faculty Directory, Letter from the Dean). Two large icons at the bottom represent "Learning & Information Literacy" and "Scholarly Communication".

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Search All Books & Media Course Reserves Articles Website

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Examples: Armstrong Engineering, etc.

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Women at Work
Celebrating the Legacy of
Purdue Women Engineers
Exhibit on display March 4 - July 31

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Learning & Information Literacy

Scholarly Communication

News & Announcements

- Purdue Libraries Learning and Information Literacy Division Launches New Web Page
- Tonight's presentation, Lincoln: Building the Nation-State in the Face of a Divisive South, has been Cancelled; The 'Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War' Exhibition on Display Through April 5, 2013
- Children's Museum of Indianapolis Announces Partnership with Former Astronaut, Dr. David Wolf and Purdue

THIRD

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Home > Databases

Databases

Categories: All

Search by Database Title: Search

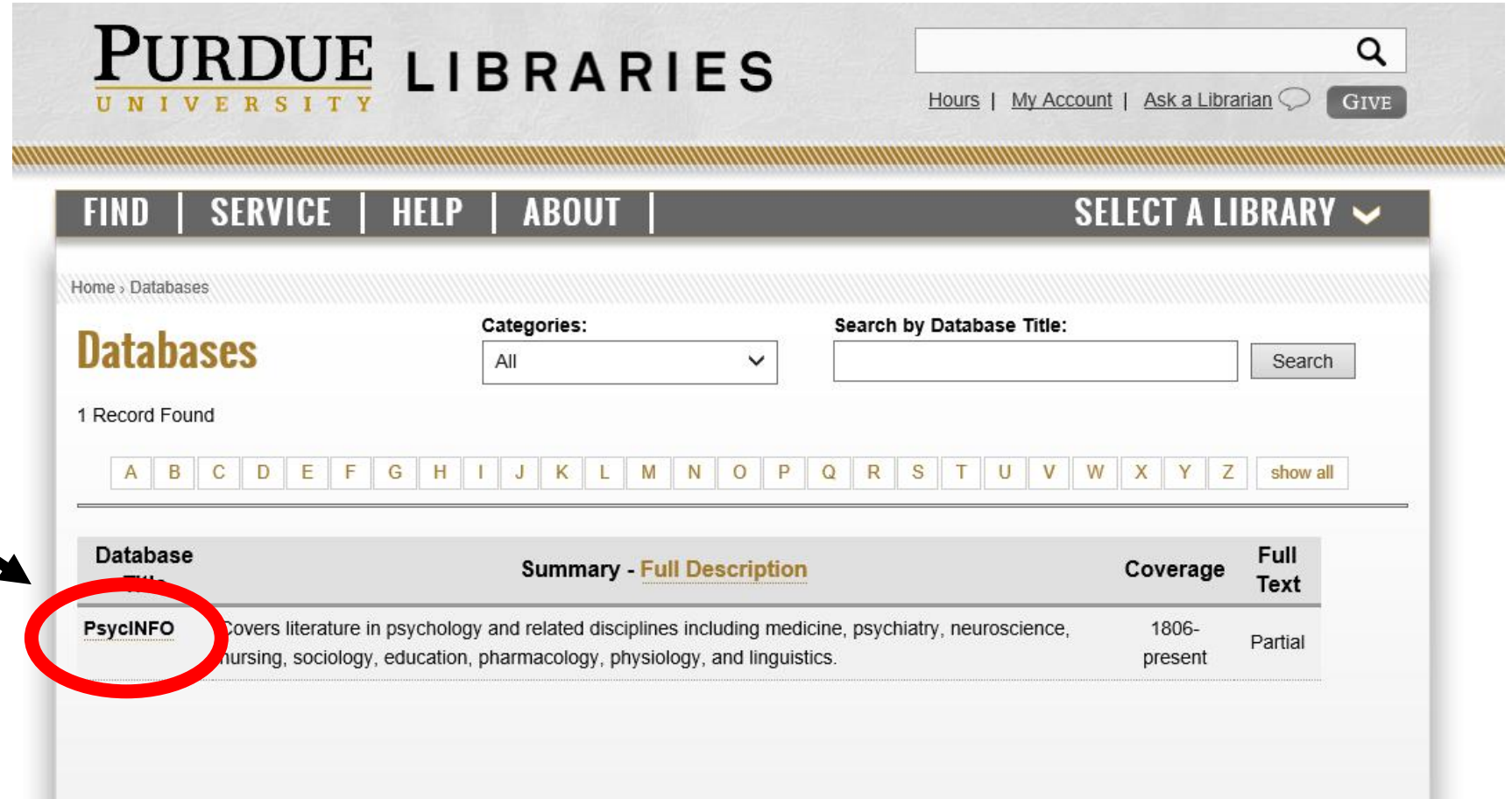
466 Records Found

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 show all

Database Title	Summary - Full Description	Coverage	Full Text
<u>ABI Inform/Complete</u>	This database is the most comprehensive ABI/INFORM database, comprised of ABI/INFORM Global, ABI/INFORM Trade and Industry, ABI/INFORM Dateline and ABI/INFORM Archive, featuring over 3,000 full-text journals, 25,000 Dissertations, 14,000 SSRN working papers, key newspapers.	1984 to current	Yes
<u>ABI/Inform Dateline</u>	Business, Economics: local and regional business publications	1985 - current	Yes
<u>ABI/Inform Global Access (Proquest)</u>	Use to find journal articles in business and management.	Mid-1970's - present	Partial
<u>ABI/Inform Trade &</u>	Business, Economics: trade and industry periodicals and newsletters.	1971 - current	Yes

FOURTH

Select the database that is listed below.



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Databases

Categories: All

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Database	Summary - Full Description	Coverage	Full Text
PsycINFO	Covers literature in psychology and related disciplines including medicine, psychiatry, neuroscience, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, and linguistics.	1806-present	Partial

FIFTH

Enter your search term(s) in the search box

Check Peer Reviewed to help find scholarly sources

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Host search interface. A red oval highlights the search bar area, which includes the text "Searching: PsycINFO | Choose Databases", a search input field containing the text "foot in the door" and persuasion, and buttons for "Search" and "Clear". Below the search bar, there are links for "Search Options", "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", and "Search History". A black arrow points from the text "Enter your search term(s) in the search box" to the search input field. Another black arrow points from the text "Check Peer Reviewed to help find scholarly sources" to the "Peer Reviewed" checkbox, which is also circled in red. The interface includes sections for "Search Options" with a "Reset" button, "Search Modes and Expanders" with radio buttons for "Boolean/Phrase", "Find all my search terms", "Find any of my search terms", and "SmartText Searching", and "Limit your results" with checkboxes for "Linked Full Text", "References Available", and "Publication Year from". A dropdown menu for "Publication Type" is open, showing options like "All", "All Journals", and "Peer Reviewed Journal".

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Search Clear

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Search modes ?

☒ Boolean/Phrase

☐ Find all my search terms

☐ Find any of my search terms

☐ SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

Apply related words ☐

Also search within the full text of the articles ☐

Limit your results

Linked Full Text ☐

Publication Name

Published Date from Month Year: to Month Year:

References Available ☐

Publication Year from to

Peer Reviewed ☒

Publication Type

All

All Journals

Peer Reviewed Journal

USEFUL SOURCES

What is a scholarly journal article?

<http://www.angelo.edu/services/library/handouts/peerrev.php>

<http://www.umuc.edu/library/libhow/scholarlyjournals.cfm>

If you have a journal article, but you are not sure if it is scholarly or not, repeat the first two steps listed above, but when you enter a database enter Ulrich's Periodicals Directory or click here

<http://www.lib.purdue.edu/find/databases?title=ulrich&titlesearch=titlesearch>

Then enter the title or ISSN of the journal article you are looking at and hit search. Find the journal article that you are looking at in the list. If a little icon that looks like a referee jersey appears in the grid to the right of your article, like this:



then your article is peer reviewed/scholarly.