

Google Scholar Search Parameters and their meanings

Search Parameters	Actual Use of Parameter	What it SHOULD look like in the dropdown	Need to be in capital letters?
AND	AND	AND	yes
OR	OR	OR	yes
NOT	-	Exclude	
AROUND	AROUND (number)	Proximity	yes, check example
Quotation Marks	“”	Exact Phrase	no
Connected	-	Exact Phrase	no
Title	intitle:	Article Title	no
Abstract	intext:	Article Abstract	
Author	author:"first name last name"	Author	no

- AND = when you want to combine more than one search term. It needs to be in capital letters. Example = systems AND AI
- OR = Finds both terms included in a search query, so it narrows down search results. It needs to be in capital letters. Example = systems (AI **OR** chatbot)
- NOT = Finds the first term included in a query but not the second, so it narrows down search results. Please note there is a space before the hyphen Example = information systems -chatbot

Do not spell out the word NOT use the minus symbol or a hyphen (-) instead. Do not add a space after the hyphen. The search term you wish to exclude should appear immediately after it.

- AROUND = Allows to search by proximity of words, so it narrows down search results. It should be written in capital letters. You can add spaces between the first search term(s), AROUND, the parenthesis with the number that indicates how close the next search term should appear in the results and the second search term(s). Examples = library anxiety AROUND (5) graduate.
- Quotation marks (" "): Results include the search terms when they appear as a phrase. Example= "technology information systems"

- Hyphen (-): You can use the hyphen to indicate that words are strongly connected. Example = technology-systems

Do not add spaces before and after the hyphen.

- intitle: Results include a specific search term in the title of the article. Example = intitle:search term Do not add a space after the colon.
- intext: Results include a specific search term in the body of the article. | Example = intext:search term Do not add a space after the colon.
- author: Results include articles written by a specific author. Example = author:"first name last name"

Do not add a space after the colon. Place quotation marks around the author's name.