

How to Find International Foreign-Language Academic Papers

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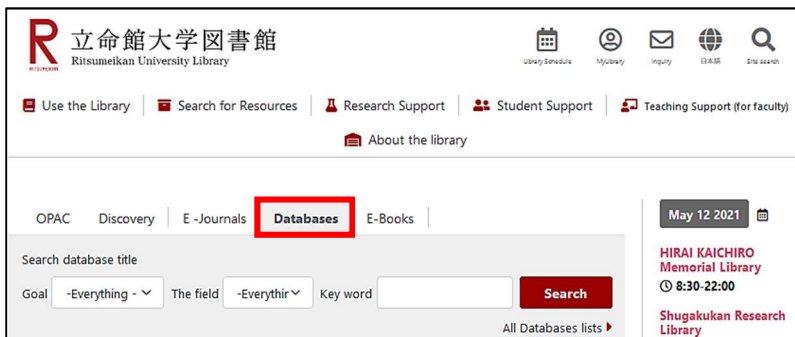
Q : How do I search for international foreign-language academic papers?

A : You can efficiently search for articles by theme or keyword using databases!
In many cases, the text is available from the search results.

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How to Access Databases

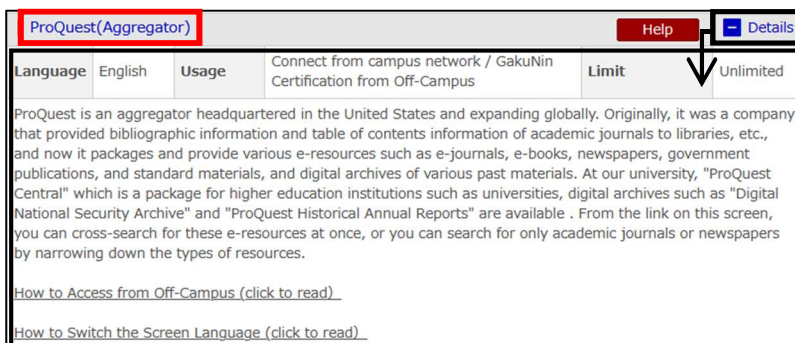
List of Databases Subscribed to by the University



① On the Ritsumeikan University library homepage, click “Databases.”



② Select “I look for an article of a magazine and a thesis” from the “Goal” menu, then click **Search**. A list of academic paper databases will be displayed.



③ Click on a database name to access the database.

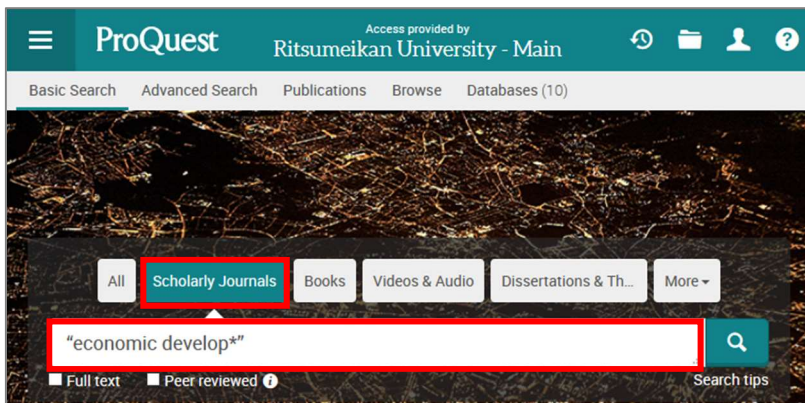
※Click “Details” to see the database language and a description of the database.




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If you have a VPN (Virtual Private Network) connection or authenticate with GakuNin (The Academic Access Management Federation in Japan), it is also possible to use the databases and E-Books provided by the library from your own home PC or smartphone. For details about VPN, please refer to the RAINBOW website. <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/rainbow/service-vpn/>

ProQuest contains not only academic papers but also various other materials such as newspaper articles and research reports. However, here we will try searching for papers published in academic journals.



- ① Select the “Scholarly Journals” tab, enter keywords in the search window, then click .

Example search: “economic develop*”



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Keyword Input Tips

(can also be used for other Western-language databases)

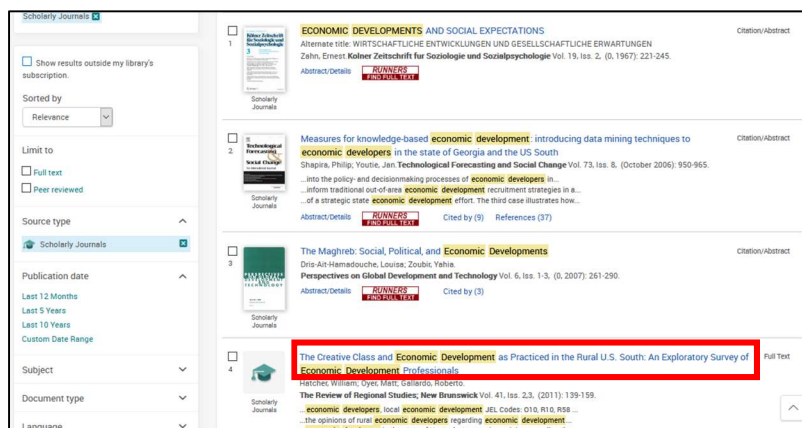
“ ” Phrase searching

→ search for multiple words as phrases

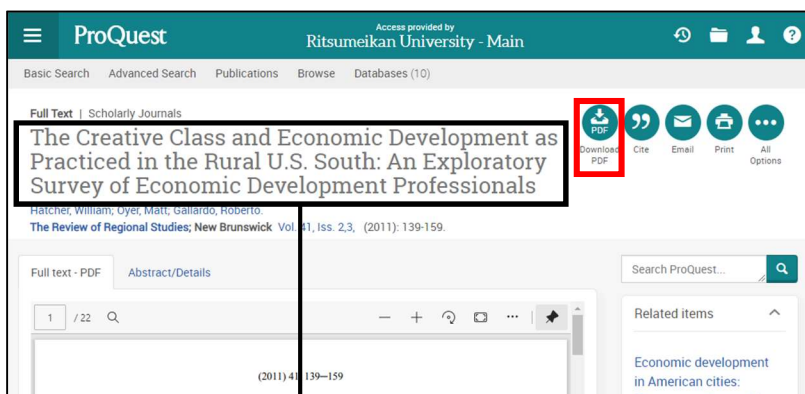
* Truncation searching


→ search that returns multiple search results that differ by spelling

E.g.: develop* → develops, developed, developing, development etc.



- ② Click the title of the academic paper to see detailed information about the paper.
※You can use the “Limit to” function on the left side of the screen to narrow down the search results by conditions such as publication year and subject.



- ③ The publication information is written below the title. If the text is available in ProQuest, you can check the text from the on-screen preview or from .



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Be sure to make a note of the publication information (i.e., title, author, publication title, volume, publication year, pages). This information is required when searching for an academic paper in physical (paper) periodicals or when quoting a paper in your own report.

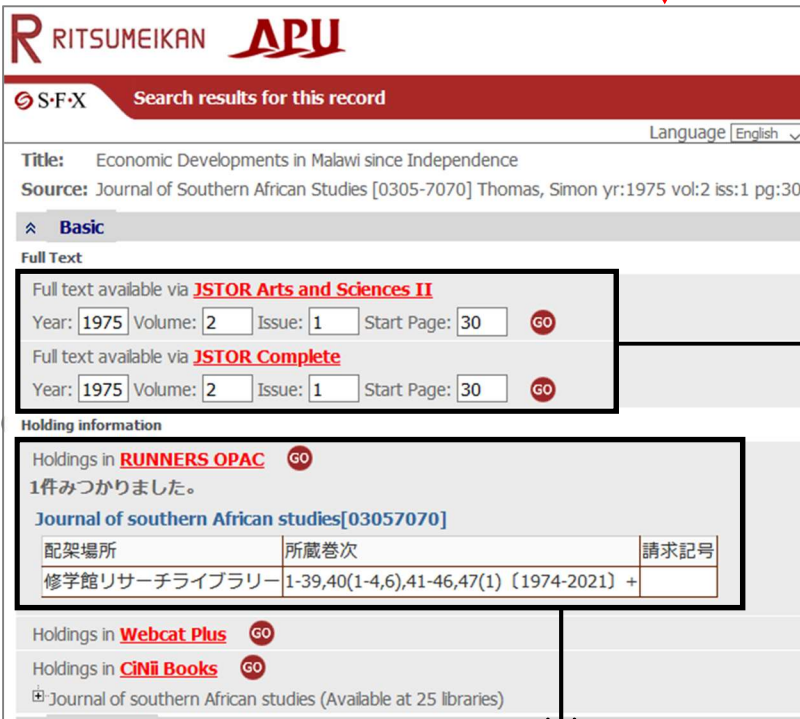


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④ Click **RUNNERS FIND FULL TEXT**.

CHECK!
RUNNERS FIND FULL TEXT is a link to Ritsumeikan University's subscribed e-journal information. Click to see if the text is available via the link.

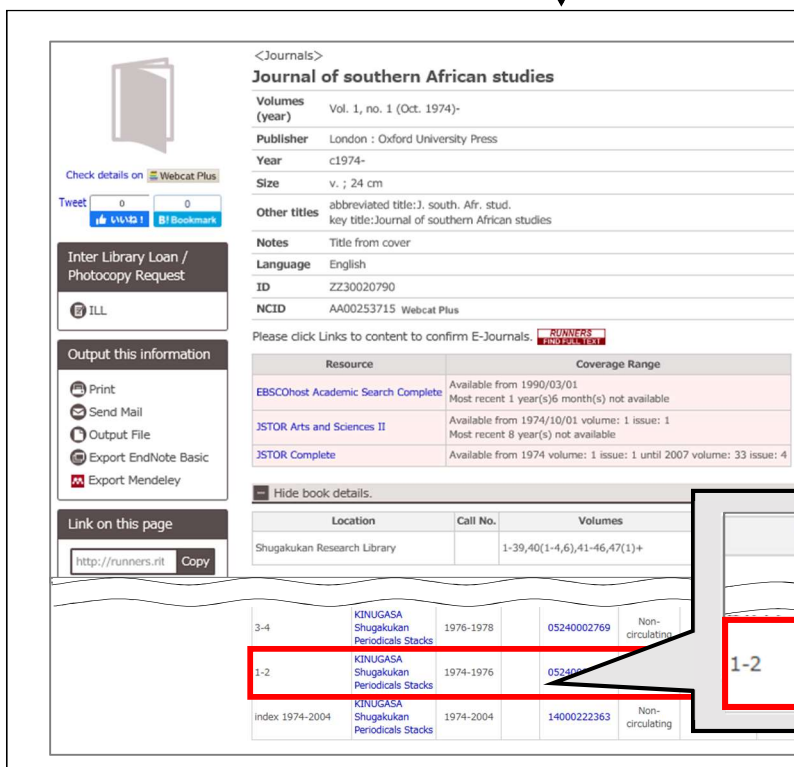


⑤ Click **GO** to check the link.

Link to the full text

<Check if the e-journal is available>

Make sure you can read the text accessed via the link.



RUNNERS OPAC link

<Check if a physical (paper) edition is available at RU>

Open the RUNNERS OPAC details page and check if there is a volume available in which the paper published and where it can be found in the library.

■ If it is in a library on another campus
→ Refer to “3. How to Use Materials on Other Campuses”

Volumes	Location	Year/Date
KINUGASA		
1-2	KINUGASA Shugakukan Periodicals Stacks	1974-1976

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For Periodicals

In addition to going directly to libraries on other campuses, you can access periodicals using the following methods.

■ Inter-Campus Copying Service **Pay Service**

You can order photocopies to be delivered.

B&W: 20 yen per sheet/ Color: 60 yen per sheet

→ Please apply at the reference counter.

■ Periodical Request **Free**

You can order bound periodicals to be delivered.

→ Please apply at the service counter.



CHECK!

If the materials are not available on campus, you can visit other universities' libraries or order photocopies to be delivered (pay service). For details, please check the the library website: Homepage > Search for Resources > Resources from other institutions > Borrowing of other university material and copy (ILL)

International Foreign-Language Academic Paper Databases

Even if you search using the same keyword, the search results will differ depending on the database. Make it a habit to search thoroughly using multiple databases.

A great variety of academic paper databases can be used at the university, but here is an introduction to those that can search for papers across a wide range of academic fields.

Database	Text Available	Text Links※	Features
EBSCO Host	○	○	In addition to having Academic Search Complete, which contains full texts of academic papers, this has a large number of databases that specialize in an academic field that you can search through all at once such as EconLit (economics), ERIC (education), and MEDLINE (medical and pharmaceutical science).
ProQuest	○	○	It has a simple and easy-to-use user interface that makes it easy to search, a full range of filter functions that narrow down results by type of information source, and a multilingual translation function. Dissertations and theses are also available for individual purchase.
RUNNERS Discovery		○	You can cross-search various databases in Japan and overseas as well as materials available at the Ritsumeikan University Library. It is accessed from the Library homepage.
ScienceDirect	○		A full-text database containing literature in the fields of science, technology, medicine, and social science. You can access the full texts of academic papers from journals that the university is subscribed to and via open access (available for free), and the abstracts for others.
Web of Science		○	This database contains academic paper information from not only natural science journals but also major academic journals in the humanities and social sciences. There is a wealth of citation information for academic papers, and you can easily search for papers that are frequently cited (i.e., highly influential) and related papers that cannot be found through keyword search.

※  and links to publisher websites will be displayed.

If you have any questions,
feel free to ask at the reference counter!

