

## How to Find Articles in Scholarly Journals

### What are Scholarly Journals?

Scholarly journals, also called peer-reviewed, academic, refereed or professional journals, are a major source of information for research papers and projects.

Articles in these journals represent the most recent research performed by scholars and scientists.

Characteristics that distinguish scholarly journals from popular or news magazines:

Scholarly		News or Popular
Researcher or scholar in the field	Who wrote the article?	Journalist, freelance writer, editorial staff
Other scholars, professionals, or students in the field	Who is the intended audience?	General public
To report original research, experiments, or theories	What is the purpose of the publication?	To inform or entertain
Always have footnotes or bibliography	Does the author cite her sources?	Sources may be cited or identified, but usually not
A professional association or commercial enterprise	Who publishes it?	Commercial enterprise or an interest organization
Psychological Bulletin, Journal of Marriage and the Family, Harvard Educational Review	Examples	<i>Popular:</i> People, Cosmopolitan, Jet; <i>News or general interest:</i> Nation, Newsweek, Time

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