



## Information of the SRH Berlin University of Applied Sciences

Library

Research tips for students

What is a good strategy for finding scientific information in an information jungle? The libraries of the SRH Berlin University of Applied Sciences would like to provide you a small guide below. **Because: a good research strategy yields good results.**

### 1. Analyze the problem/topic and find keywords

- Consider possible search terms
- Find technical terms and synonyms
- Search for translations
- Find relations of search terms (sub and generic terms)
- Dissolve acronyms
- Look into keyword directories in textbooks

We recommend the following services for more support:

Thesaurus	<a href="https://www.thesaurus.com">https://www.thesaurus.com</a>
	<a href="https://words.bighugelabs.com/">https://words.bighugelabs.com/</a>
Abbreviation	<a href="https://www.abbreviations.com">https://www.abbreviations.com</a>
Akronyms	<a href="https://www.allacronyms.com">https://www.allacronyms.com</a>
	<a href="https://www.acronymfinder.com/">https://www.acronymfinder.com/</a>
Synonyms	<a href="https://www.synonyms.com">https://www.synonyms.com</a>
	<a href="https://www.synonym.com">https://www.synonym.com</a>
	<a href="https://www.dictionary.com">https://www.dictionary.com</a>
Translations	<a href="https://www.deepl.com/translator">https://www.deepl.com/translator</a>
	<a href="https://www.translate.com">https://www.translate.com</a>
	<a href="https://www.leo.org">https://www.leo.org</a>

## 2. Choose the right sources

- Library Online Catalogues
- Databases
- Scientific Journals
- Virtual Libraries
- Working Paper

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### SRH-Services

Online Catalogue BSM/BST	<a href="http://webopac.srh-hochschulen.de/vopac/index.asp?DB=BIBB">http://webopac.srh-hochschulen.de/vopac/index.asp?DB=BIBB</a>
Online Catalogue BSDC	<a href="http://dab.library4you.de/iopac/">http://dab.library4you.de/iopac/</a>
Online Catalogue SOPA	<a href="https://hdpk.library4you.de/iopac/index.php">https://hdpk.library4you.de/iopac/index.php</a>
E-Book Platform	<a href="https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/srh-ebooks/home.action">https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/srh-ebooks/home.action</a>
Document Server OPUS	<a href="https://opus4.kobv.de/opus4-srh/home">https://opus4.kobv.de/opus4-srh/home</a>
Journals BSM/BST	<a href="https://zdb-katalog.de/list.xhtml?t=isl%3DDE-B1587&amp;key=cql&amp;asc=false">https://zdb-katalog.de/list.xhtml?t=isl%3DDE-B1587&amp;key=cql&amp;asc=false</a>
Journals SOPA	<a href="https://zdb-katalog.de/list.xhtml?t=isl%3DDE-1873&amp;key=cql&amp;asc=false">https://zdb-katalog.de/list.xhtml?t=isl%3DDE-1873&amp;key=cql&amp;asc=false</a>

### Other Services

Online Catalogue TU Berlin	<a href="https://www.tu.berlin/ub/suchen-ausleihen/">https://www.tu.berlin/ub/suchen-ausleihen/</a>
Online Catalogue Public Libraries Berlin	<a href="https://www.voebb.de">https://www.voebb.de</a>
Online Catalogue SLUB	<a href="https://www.slub-dresden.de/">https://www.slub-dresden.de/</a>
Kooperativer Bibliotheksverbund Berlin-Brandenburg (KOBV)	<a href="https://www.kobv.de/">https://www.kobv.de/</a>
Datenbank-Infosystem (DBIS)	<a href="https://dbis.uni-regensburg.de">https://dbis.uni-regensburg.de</a>
Zeitschriftendatenbank (ZDB)	<a href="https://zeitschriftendatenbank.de">https://zeitschriftendatenbank.de</a>
Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek (EZB)	<a href="https://ezb.uni-regensburg.de/">https://ezb.uni-regensburg.de/</a>
Directory of Open Access Book (DOAB)	<a href="https://www.doabooks.org/">https://www.doabooks.org/</a>
Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)	<a href="https://doaj.org/">https://doaj.org/</a>
Open Access Network	<a href="https://open-access.network/startseite">https://open-access.network/startseite</a>

**Please Note:** You need a library card for each library in Berlin and Dresden. The SRH Berlin will refund you the cost of your TU Berlin library card. Please ask your library about the procedure.

### 3. Focused search in references – research tips

- Check the help page of the resource before researching – each service has its own specifics that you should be aware of.
- Use the simple search, if you already know the author and/or title.
- Use the advanced search to combine multiple search results and get more precise hits.
- Many services offer the possibility to reduce the search results with filters after the submitted search query. This can lead to more precise results.

### 4. Help with scientific writing

For the preparation of your scientific work, you can use the literature administration program CITAVI Web. The SRH Berlin owns a campus license for this software. Here is an overview of its features:

- **Literature administration:** Entering bibliographic references by hand or collecting them by mouse click (CITAVI Picker), choose a uniform citation style, collaborate with several people on one document (CITAVI Team)
- **Knowledge organization:** Represent the outline of your scientific work, create a bibliography and paste it in a MS-Word Document
- **Task Scheduler:** Create a personal work plan, organize subtasks according to type, importance and time period, receive reminder messages

Learn how to use CITAVI Web on your PC or laptop [here](#).

**Do you have further questions, wishes or suggestions?**

**We are here for you!**

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