



Scholarly and Peer-Reviewed Articles

What does it mean?

Scholarly articles are written by professionals in a given field of study. They are written for an academic audience rather than a general audience.

Oftentimes, scholarly articles go through a peer-review process, which means the articles are examined prior to being published to ensure that the research contained within the article conforms to standards for that particular discipline. This editorial process helps ensure high standards and academic quality.

- ‘Scholarly’ means written by and for academics.
- ‘Peer-reviewed’ or ‘juried’ means the article was reviewed by other experts in the discipline to ensure it contains sound research practices. These articles are highly credible.
- Not all scholarly articles are peer-reviewed. All peer-reviewed articles are scholarly though.
- Not every article in a peer-reviewed journal is necessarily peer-reviewed. Book reviews and editorials, for example, might not be. Look for clues (like a list of references in addition to information about the journal) to help you decide.

How can I find them?

You can use library resources to find scholarly or Peer-reviewed articles. Many of the databases have [options to limit your search to scholarly articles](#). This [video tutorial](#) also gives you more information about how to identify peer-reviewed articles and where to locate them in the library.

When in doubt about a resource, ask your instructor, your campus librarian, or email us at: AskALibrarian@national.edu