

## Searching the Library using Summon: Worksheet

Summon is the Library's most comprehensive search engine. Fast and powerful, it is a good starting point no matter what your topic. Use it to find information in any discipline and pretty much any format (though not necessarily your last or only stop).

It searches for articles from most of UBC Libraries' databases all at once. This means you may get various types of sources, depending on your search terms and strategy (e.g., scholarly articles, newspaper and magazines, books, book chapters, maps, etc.).

Think of a suitable search query (that includes keywords, Boolean operators, quotations, parenthesis, etc.) that would fit for the following research scenario:

You are searching for recent (within the past 5 years) refereed scholarly articles in English on the impact of climate change on the rise of water levels and the effect it has on soil conditions in Canada.

### Explore what Summon has to offer!

Using Summon's basic search, insert your search query (Summon is accessible via [www.library.ubc.ca](http://www.library.ubc.ca))

### Note the results!

Before applying any limiters:

- Take note of the number of search results retrieved:
- What kinds of results do you see (journal articles, books, book chapters, etc.)?
- Explore the limiting options. Note the search strategies that improve or weaken the relevance of your results.

After applying appropriate limiters that would enable you to find more relevant results:

- Take note of the number of search results retrieved:
- What kinds of results do you see (journal articles, books, book chapters, etc.)?

### Choose an article!

- Find an article that appears especially relevant to your topic. Follow the links for PDF or full text. If there is no link to the full text, choose the IU Link button to find if we have the article in another database or somewhere in the library. Answer the following:
- What is the article title and publication source?