



This cribsheet is intended to give you some ideas about freely-available resources on the internet, which you can access regardless of whether or not you are a University of Bolton student. Please note due to the nature of these sites, the content is liable to change and may contain advertisements.

## **Books**

### *DOAB (Directory of Open Access Books)*

Multi-disciplinary open access books. Access the website here:  
<https://www.doabooks.org/doab>

### *Intechopen*

Open access publisher of books in science, medicine and technology. Also contains a small amount of open access journal material. Access the website here:  
<https://www.intechopen.com/>

### *Libretexts*

A non-commercial open access textbook organization. Features open access textbooks in engineering, biology, medicine and humanities. Access the website here: <https://libretexts.org/>

## **Journals**

### *Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)*

DOAJ is a multi-disciplinary resource which includes access to full-text, peer-reviewed open access journals and journal articles. Some examples are included below: AERA SIG communications of research, BioMed Central Open Access, Digital library of the Commons, HireWire Press free journals, Hindawi Publishing open access journals, Modernist journals project, Public Library of Science (PLOS), SPIE open access journals, and Symposium journals free content. Access the website here: <https://www.doaj.org/>

### *Pubmed Central or European Pubmed Central*

A unique, free, information resource for biomedical and health researchers. It contains 25 million+ abstracts and 2 million+ full text research articles. Access via the University of Bolton databases page (A-Z list) here: <http://libguides.bolton.ac.uk/az.php> or via a search engine.

### *Public Library of Science (PLOS)*

PLOS contains over 200,000 open access peer-reviewed articles from scientific fields. Access the website here: <https://www.plos.org/>

## **Repositories**

*OA/ster* contains records of digital resources from open-archive collections worldwide. It has more than 50 million records representing digital resources from more than 1,100 contributors. Access the website here: <https://www.oclc.org/en/oaister.html>

*DERA* is a digital archive of documents published electronically by government and related bodies in the area of education. There are already approximately 1000 full text documents available. Access the website here: <http://dera.ioe.ac.uk/>

## **Useful Websites**

### *Google Scholar*

Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites. Google Scholar helps you find relevant work across the world of scholarly research, if there is reference to it on the internet. Access the website here: <https://scholar.google.co.uk/>

### *LEAP Online*

LEAP Online supports the student Learning Excellence Achievement Pathway and provides online tutorials for academic skills, such as finding and using information for assignments and writing essays or reports, and life skills, ranging from personal development to career planning. Access the website here: <https://www.bolton.ac.uk/leaponline/Home.aspx>

### *NICE (National Institute for Health & Care Excellence) Evidence Search*

NICE Evidence provides access to selected, quality health and social care evidence and best practice. NHS staff with an Athens account can also get free access to paid-for journals and databases. Access the website here: <https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/>

### *Open University*

*Open Research Online* is the Open University's repository of research publications and other research outputs. It is an open-access resource that can be searched and browsed freely by members of the public. Access the website here: <http://oro.open.ac.uk/>

## **Images**

### *VADS*

The Visual Arts Data Service is a collection of visual arts images made available to the HE community. Access the website here: <https://vads.ac.uk/index.php>

## **Further help**

For further help or guidance, please speak to a member of Library staff, phone 01204 903232 or email [subjecthelp@bolton.ac.uk](mailto:subjecthelp@bolton.ac.uk)