Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) is one of the leading research-active contemporary institutions in the UK and produces world-class research. We strive for excellence and aim to provide an engaging learning experience for our students and researchers.

Library Services are committed to helping postgraduate students/researchers succeed and develop their research skills. We offer dynamic research support tailored to your needs, plus access to vital subject resources and superb study facilities.

This guide provides essential information and links to help you get started at LJMU. Further information about Research Support services is available at: [https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/research-support-and-outputs](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/research-support-and-outputs)
Resources for Research

LJMU provides access to a vast collection of subject resources to support your research.

Library Catalogue
You can search for the books, journals and multimedia resources available in LJMU Libraries using the Library Catalogue at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/librarycatalogue

DISCOVER
DISCOVER is LJMU’s powerful single search tool, which enables you to find high-quality academic research quickly and easily.

DISCOVER offers advanced searching and refinement options e.g. by full-text, date, type or subject. You can also register for a free personal account to save searches or articles and set-up alerts for new research.

Access to DISCOVER is available from the Electronic Library web page at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/resources/electronic-library

Subject Databases
Individual databases provide access to comprehensive collections of subject-specific resources and include a diverse selection of limit options or special features such as:

- Alerting services to track new research
- Alternative search modes which enable you to discover research by browsing subject indexes/thesauri e.g. MeSH or by searching cited references
- Bibliometrics which measure the impact and value of research to the academic community through quantitative analysis e.g. H-Ref or Journal Impact Factors (JIF)
- Altmetrics which identifies research impact by analysing social media e.g. blogs/tweets

Individual databases may be accessed via Databases A-Z in the Electronic Library at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/resources/electronic-library

Special Collections and Archives
The library also contains unique collections of primary sources on popular culture and society, including:

- England’s Dreaming: The Jon Savage Archive
- Everyman Theatre Archive
- Liddell Hart Collection of Costume
- Stafford Beer Archive
- Willy Russell Archive

Further information is available online at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/special-collections-and-archives

Theses
Recent LJMU MPhil/PhD theses are available to view online in the LJMU Research Repository or in print from the Aldham Robarts Library.

You can also freely access over 400,000 UK doctoral theses online from EThOS – the British Library’s Electronic Thesis Online Service: http://ethos.bl.uk/
Essential Services

Subject Support
Each Faculty/School has a dedicated Academic Liaison Librarian who can help you to find relevant research on your subject, locate a specific reference online, search journals or databases effectively, manage your references and access LJMU resources from off-campus.

Browse the subject support web pages at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/learner-support/subject-support to discover useful support materials and learn who your Academic Liaison Librarian is. You can access support in the Library or contact us by telephone/email to arrange 1-2-1 training.

Inter Library Loans
LJMU offers a Document Supply service to help you gain access to research materials which are not available in LJMU libraries e.g. books, journal articles, conference proceedings, etc. Further details are available online at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/resources/access-to-other-libraries/inter-library-loan-service

IT Support
IT Co-ordinators are available in LJMU Libraries to help you connect to university network services, access specialist software, use digital technologies and trouble-shoot IT problems. You can contact IT Co-ordinators in each library or ring the Central Enquiry Point 0151 231 3179 for off-campus support.

Further information and guidance is accessible from the Help with IT webpages at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/it-support

Off-Campus Applications Service
The Off-Campus Applications Service is an online gateway which provides students/staff with remote access to LJMU e-resources, software, support services and your personal file store (M:Drive). You can log-in to the service at: http://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/offcampus or access it via the Citrix Receiver app from a smart device.

Useful Information

Open Access
As a researcher making your work available via Open Access (OA) can help increase its visibility and impact. For some projects OA may also be a funding requirement. To comply with OA requirements and ensure your research is eligible for inclusion in REF2020, you can deposit your research in LJMU Research Online our institutional repository.

Further information and support is available at: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/research-support-and-outputs/open-access

Using Other Libraries
Research students are eligible to join the SCONUL Access Scheme to borrow materials from specialist libraries in the UK and Ireland. Further information and how to join is available at: http://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access
Library Services offer essential workshops to help you develop your digital skills and become an effective researcher. Workshops are offered on a rolling programme so you can attend a convenient date/time.

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<td>EndNote is a program which helps you to store and manage bibliographic references. This session will show you how to set-up an EndNote Library, add/search for references, attach full-text and use the ‘cite while you write’ facility to insert references into Word documents in a variety of styles.</td>
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<td><strong>E-Theses</strong></td>
<td>At LJMU all MPhil and PhD theses must be submitted electronically. This session will highlight items for consider when a thesis is electronic and copyright implications. We will demonstrate the deposit process and answer any questions you may have. Hand-outs and guides will be provided.</td>
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<td><strong>Literature Searching &amp; E-Resources (by Faculty)</strong></td>
<td>Good information literacy and digital skills are essential when undertaking independent research. This session will help you to develop your skills so that you can plan an effective literature search, use and evaluate relevant subject resources, access full-text information and much more.</td>
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<td><strong>Open Access</strong></td>
<td>Open Access is about making research outputs openly available to everyone. This session offers an introduction to Open Access covering the what, the why and the how of this increasingly important area. It will touch on policy relating to making research Open Access and what LJMU is doing to support this.</td>
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<td><strong>Research Café</strong></td>
<td>LJMU Research Cafés are an exciting initiative designed to bring together established academics, PhD students and early career researchers from across the University to discuss and share their expertise. Each event features 10 minute talks from up to four different presenters spanning a range of disciplines. The full Research Café programme is available online at: <a href="https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/research-cafes/index.htm">https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/research-cafes/index.htm</a></td>
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You can find out when the next session is and book your place from the online Researcher Development Programme at: [https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/RGSO/training/128283.htm](https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/RGSO/training/128283.htm)

### Further Support

Whether you have a simple question or need in-depth support our staff are always happy to help. Library Services have a 24/7 central telephone number for library/IT enquiries on **0151 231 3179** and there is an online help-form available at: [https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/about-ljmu-libraries/contact-us](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/about-ljmu-libraries/contact-us)

You can also keep up to date with library news and developments by following us on social media:  

- [http://www.facebook.com/ljmulibrary](http://www.facebook.com/ljmulibrary)   
- [http://twitter.com/ljmulibrary](http://twitter.com/ljmulibrary)