Preprint Citation Index

Reference Guide

What is Preprint Citation Index?

The Preprint Citation Index on the Web of Science is a multidisciplinary collection of preprints from leading repositories. It helps researchers and graduate students stay current with the newest research while maintaining confidence in the resources they rely on. With the Preprint Citation Index you can quickly find the latest breakthroughs in preprint literature across disciplines, get notified when new findings are available, trace the evolution of an idea more fully, and assess the trustworthiness of non-peer-reviewed sources.

The backfile extends to 1991, and the database is updated daily.

Key repositories include:

- **arXiv**: physics, mathematics, computer science, quantitative biology, quantitative finance, statistics, electrical engineering and systems science, and economics
- **bioRxiv**: biology
- **medRxiv**: medical, clinical, and related health sciences
- **chemRxiv**: chemistry and related fields
- **preprints.org**: multidisciplinary across sciences, social sciences, and arts & humanities

Additional repositories are being added over time.

Search results

Preprints are clearly labeled in search results

Create alerts

Get notifications when preprints are added that match your search

Refine by repository
Preprint record

Links to final published research
View a preprint’s final publication when available. Link to the Web of Science Core Collection record and/or the full text PDF.

Preprint document type
All documents in Preprint Citation Index are assigned the document type Preprint. They are clearly labeled as non-peer-reviewed.

Versioning
Trace the development of the publication through each available version. As new versions are added to a repository the preprint record is updated.

What about citations?
The citation count for preprints includes only citations from other preprints in the Preprint Citation Index. These citations are not linked to publications in Web of Science Core Collection, and do not contribute to any citation metrics in other tools like Journal Citation Reports or InCites.
Search the Preprint Citation Index database

Search the complete collection of preprints.

Choose Preprint Citation Index

Preprint Citation Index is a standalone database on the Web of Science platform. Choose it from the menu to begin.

You can also search by repository

Include preprints in an All Databases search

Choose to include or exclude preprints from your literature search in All Databases. By default they are excluded. Click the X to remove the filter.
Search tools

Search operators

Use **AND** to find records containing all of your search terms

Use **OR** to find records containing any of your search terms

Use **NOT** to exclude records containing certain words from your search

Use **NEAR/n** to find records containing all terms within a certain number of words (n) of each other (stress NEAR/3 sleep)

Use **SAME** in an Address search to find terms in the same line of the address (Tulane SAME Chem)

Wildcard characters

Use truncation for more control of the retrieval of plurals and variant spellings

* zero to many characters

? one character

$ zero or one character

Phrase searching

To search exact phrases in Topic or Title searches, enclose a phrase in quotation marks. For example, the query “energy conservation” finds records containing the exact phrase energy conservation.

Getting help

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