University Library
A Library for Research
The University Library has a wide range of resources and help to support you at every stage of your research, as postgraduate research students, early career researchers and academic staff.

This leaflet signposts you to the University Library’s extensive resources and specialist services specifically developed to support research at Northumbria. Further information is available in the Information for Researchers web pages.

library.northumbria.ac.uk/info-researchers

If you are new to Northumbria, you may also find it helpful to consult the ‘New to Northumbria’ section of the Information for Staff web pages.

northumbria.ac.uk/libraryinfostaff

Getting Started

Information to help you get started with the University Library, including borrowing and using your Northumbria Smartcard, can be found in the ‘Your library, Your Learning’ guide.

northumbria.ac.uk/static/5007/llspdf/skills/liblearn.pdf

Research Zones

Research Zones are available at City and Coach Lane libraries. There are dedicated workstations and space where you can meet with colleagues and share ideas. You will find a bookable meeting room within the Research Zone at the City Campus Library.

Library Collections and access to resources

Our extensive Library collection encompasses both print and online resources. We have over half a million print books and half a million ebooks. Central to your research are fifty thousand electronic journals and over a hundred databases, including online digital archives.

Library catalogue

You can search for books and journals using the Library catalogue. Log in to your account to renew items, pay fines and make reservations.

northumbria.ac.uk/librarycat

NORA and Subject Databases

NORA is a sophisticated discovery tool that makes finding peer-reviewed literature and other quality scholarly resources fast and simple. A single search box enables you to search for both print and electronic materials and refine your results by date, format and content. Over one hundred and forty million items are indexed in NORA, including journal articles, reports, images, newspapers and statistical information. Subject-specific databases are recommended for comprehensive searching as they allow more focus and additional options for refining searches.

northumbria.ac.uk/nora

Theses

ETHOS is the UK’s national thesis service. You can use ETHOS as a gateway to access UK doctoral theses. Northumbria Research Link contains many of Northumbria University’s PhD and MPhil theses.

library.northumbria.ac.uk/info-researchers/res-coll-theses

Inter-Library Loan Service

You can support your research using books, journals, articles, conference papers and theses from all over the world using the Inter-Library Loan Service.

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Using other Libraries

Research students and staff can borrow materials from other libraries participating in the SCONUL Access Scheme.

northumbria.ac.uk/sconul-access
Research Skills and Consultancy

Skills Plus for Researchers
With a focus on digital literacy and supporting researcher development, Skills Plus is the Library’s collection of online learning materials. It provides help and guidance to assist you in developing your research skills.

northumbria.ac.uk/researchskills

Researcher Development Programme
In November and March each year the Researcher Development Programme gives you the opportunity to develop the skills and competencies identified in Vitae’s Researcher Development Framework. Topics include keeping up to date with new research, measuring research performance, open access publishing, and literature searching.

A joint event with Research and Business Services and the Graduate School is held in June, it covers funding and researcher skills.

library.northumbria.ac.uk/info-researchers/RDE

Referencing Management
Use EndNote or Mendeley online to store and manipulate your references and Cite as you Write.

library.northumbria.ac.uk/info-researchers/referencing

Networking and Collaboration
Explore web tools and social media resources to see how they can support your research and help you collaborate with others.

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Consultancy
As part of our consultancy service, specialist librarians can conduct a clearly defined literature search on behalf of academic staff doing funded research projects.

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Scholarly Publications

Northumbria Research Link (NRL)
NRL is the open access repository of Northumbria University’s published research, to which any member of staff may deposit their publications. The Library’s Scholarly Publications team checks all deposits to NRL, ensuring publications are fully described and files are compliant with publisher copyright policies.

northumbria.ac.uk/nrl

Open Access
The University supports an optimal balance of Green and Gold Open Access to ensure maximum impact of our research and compliance with funder policies. The accepted author manuscript of all journal articles should be deposited in NRL. An institutional fund is available for the payment of the article processing charges, which is managed by the Scholarly Publications team.

library.northumbria.ac.uk/open-access

Research Excellence Framework (REF)
The Library sources documents for the REF submission and provides supporting information, including checking of metadata and verifying references.

Copyright
The Library’s Copyright Service provides information and guidance on all aspects of copyright to support the learning, teaching and research activities of the staff and students of the University.

northumbria.ac.uk/copyright

Research metrics
We support researchers with analysis on research performance using bibliometrics and alternative metrics. These include citation counting, calculating h indexes and providing information on journal rankings using a variety of tools such as Web of Science, Scopus, SciVal and Google Scholar. We can also offer support on setting up researcher profiles such as ORCiD.

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Contact us

The Library is here to support you as postgraduate research students, early career researchers and academic staff.

For queries about inductions, teaching sessions, advanced subject enquiries for postgraduate research students and academic staff, EndNote and the literature search consultancy service, please contact
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For queries about the Northumbria Research Link and thesis deposit policy, open access, ORCiD, and recent publications in Personal Research and Innovation Plans, please contact
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