WHY GOOGLE SCHOLAR CITATIONS?

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Creating your Google Scholar Citations profile


- If you already have a Google account, sign in; otherwise, create a new account via Sign up
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- You can also add a link to your staff home page under ‘links to other sites’

Metrics provided by Google Scholar Citations

- **Citations**: number of citations to all publications listed in your profile
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