Finding journal impact factors and journal rank in a category

Journal impact factors are found in *Journal Citation Reports* (JCR). JCR is a unique database which is used to determine the relative importance of journals within their subject categories. An impact factor is one measure of the quality of a journal. This is calculated by the number of citations received by the journal, from other journals within the *Web of Science Core Collection* database.

**Access JCR:** From the staff portal go to Library > under Search the Library Catalogue > Databases > J > Journal citation reports. Select the Online access link.

To find a journal impact factor AND compare the title with others in the same subject category

- Type the journal title, and select the correct title from the drop down list.

- Under Categories you can see which categories the journal belongs to. Here you can also see what JCR edition the journal belongs to:
  - **SCIE** (JCR Science edition)
  - **SSCI** (JCR Social Science edition)

- Under Current year you can find the latest Impact Factor.

- Click the link next to Source Data then select Rank see where the journal sits within each category:

  **Important note:** If the journal belongs to multiple categories you may need to scroll across to see all categories.
To find a group of journals in *Journal Citation Reports* by **subject category**

- **Select Browse by Journal**

- **Select the relevant *JCR edition* and year.**

![Select JCR Year](Select JCR Year.png)

- **Select Categories** to choose one or more categories from the list e.g. **Biophysics**.

![Select Categories](Select Categories.png)

- Once you tick the category, close the box and select **Submit** (bottom of page).

- A list will appear of all the journals within that particular category sorted by **Journal Impact Factor**.

![Journal Impact Factor](Journal Impact Factor.png)

*Important note: You will need to scroll down to see all journals within that category.*

- You can use **Customize Indicators** (top right) to select others fields to display.

![Customize Indicators](Customize Indicators.png)

- **Select Open Access** (left menu) > Submit to view a list of journals that provide a gold Open Access option.

- To view a list of journals within a category by quartile go to: **JIF Quartile e.g. Q1 > Submit**, to view journals in the top 25% of their category.

**Need more information or want to review alternative metrics resources?**

Research Guides from the UniSA Library:

- **Citation and Journal Metrics** (http://guides.library.unisa.edu.au/citation_journal_metrics)
- **Publishing** (http://guides.library.unisa.edu.au/publishing)

Accessible via: **Library homepage > Guides** or from the **Staff portal > Library > Guides**

**Contact Ask the Library for further information or assistance**

*Library home page > Research*

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