I’ve Got The Citation—How Do I Find The Article?

There are three approaches to finding an article from a citation:

1. Citation Linker
2. Google Scholar
3. Electronic Journals Index

First, let’s look at the anatomy of a citation so you know which parts to use:

1. **Citation Linker Tool**: This tool is available on the library website:


Fill in the information requested and click Go. If you don’t get any results, try Google Scholar next.

2. **Google Scholar**: Go to

[http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

and set your preferences as shown in the Library and Information Science guide under the Google Scholar Preferences tab: [http://libguides.sjsu.edu/lis](http://libguides.sjsu.edu/lis)

Enter the article title in quotes (for example, “Economies of scale in the library world”). Click Search. If the article appears, follow the **FindIt@SJSU** link to the full text. You’ll see these links to the right of your results.

Also check under the double-arrow ( ▸ ) for **GetIt@SJSU**, which may also take you to the full text.

No luck? Try the Journals search.

3. **Journals Search**: This search is available on the library website:

[http://library.sjsu.edu/](http://library.sjsu.edu/)

Look for the Journals tab. Enter in the journal title from your citation. If we have access to that title online, it will appear along with the databases that carry articles from that journal. **Check the dates!** We might have the title you need, but not the issue you want. Once you’re in the database, search on your article title.

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