

# Advanced Qualitative Research Methods

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Web Help Guide: <http://writing.colostate.edu/learn.cfm>

Path: Writing Collections >> Quantitative & Qualitative Research >> Empirical Research

## Review Reference Works

- A. Go to the Reference Collection for encyclopedias and handbooks.

Sage handbook of special education 2007

Sage handbook for research in education: engaging ideas and enriching inquiry 2006

Sage encyclopedia of social science research methods

International encyclopedia of teaching and teacher education

International encyclopedia of educational technology

How to find them?

Browse or use a basic keyword search in the library catalogue QCAT with type of resource (e.g. encyclopedia? -- handbook? -- review?) plus topic ... then limit to the Education Library.

- B. Go deeper into specific articles that review the research in one area. The American Educational Research Association (AERA) publishes two review journals:

1. Review of Research in Education (RRE), 1973–present. Ref LB1028.R48. [Contents are reproduced in a duotang before the first volume in the Reference Collection so you can flip through them]. Indexed with full text in: JSTOR (1973-2004).

2. Review of Educational Research (RER), 1931-present. This serial is shelved with bound journals on the second floor. Indexed with full text in: Education Full Text (2001-present) and JSTOR (1931-2004).

#	Title <	Complete Title	Author	Publication Date
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<a href="#">Review of educational research.</a>	<a href="#">Review of educational research.</a>		<a href="#">1931-</a>
Education Library - Journals - Floor 2 CALL #- Shelved by title Multiple volumes: see record for details				
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<a href="#">Review of educational research</a>	<a href="#">Review of educational research [electronic resource].</a>		
*World Wide Web CALL #- Online See record for details				

Other important reference works for overviews on research:

The Educational Researcher, a monthly with excellent commentary on research. Indexed with full text in: Education Full Text (2001-present) and JSTOR (1931-2003).

The National Society for the Study of Education (NSSE) in the USA publishes two-part yearbooks (1929–) that are excellent reviews.

Search in QCAT: yearbook National Society for the Study of Education (all at LB5 N27)

Browse all yearbook topics at: <http://www.nsse-chicago.org/Home.asp>

### Find References on a Bibliography

Boote, D.N. & Beile, P. (2005). Scholars before researchers: On the centrality of the dissertation literature review in research preparation. *Educational Researcher* 34/6, 3-15.

Ganser, T. (2004). Beginning teaching in Jamaica: Challenges and assistance. In K. Mutua & C. S. Sunal (Eds.), *Research on Education in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Middle East: An historical overview*, pp. 101-124. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishers.

Ganser, T. (2002). Getting the most out of new-teacher mentoring programs. *Principal Leadership* 3(1), 27-30.

Ganser, T. (2002). The new teacher mentors: Four trends that are changing the look of mentoring programs for new teachers. *American School Board Journal* 189(12), 25-27.

Ganser, T. (2002). Supporting new teacher mentor programs: Strategies for principals. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 466 702).

### Find Journal Articles

#### Path to Open an Article Index or a Full Text Journal Database

<http://library.queensu.ca> >> Find Articles >> Education

#### Education Research Complete

**Description:** 1,730 journals with full text for more than 800 journals, 67 books, and numerous education-related conference papers.

#### Education Full Text

**Description:** Indexes 534 journals and yearbooks and books (after 1994). Full text for 251 journals and yearbooks after 1996.

#### ERIC - Education Resources Information Center

**Description:** Largest education database in the world. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Two separate indexes: Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE) and Resources in Education (RIE). CIJE has 900 journals. RIE indexes unpublished resources such as conference papers and exemplary curriculum resources.

**CBCA Education**

**Description:** Choice for Canadian content. Indexes articles from over 150 Canadian education journals and selective education-related articles from an additional 600 journals and Canadian daily news sources. From 1993 on, includes full-text of selected journal articles.

**Education @ Scholars Portal Search**

**Description:** A pre-selected group of citation and abstracting databases covering literature related to education. Each database can be searched separately but they also can be searched as a group, from this starting point. Includes ERIC and Education Abstracts.

**JSTOR: Journal Storage**

**Description:** Full text of 50 core journals in education from the first volume to within the last five years. Last five years of these journals must be searched in other indexes that provide current coverage.

Keywords to Isolate Type of Research			
action research case study case studies case method	education research methodology	methodology mixed methods	research study research method
clinical trial control group controlled trial	ethnography empirical research experiment experimental research	narrative inquiry	surveys methodology
communities of practice	hypothesis or hypotheses	participant observation original research	
double blind	Interview Interviewing	qualitative research quantitative research	
Keywords to Isolate Literature Reviews			
literature review* as a title keyword phrase literature review as a keyword phrase  critical review*, systematic review* are other possible phrases to try  review* as a title keyword phrase		meta-analysis meta-analyses  synthesis syntheses	

### Search Task in Education Research Complete and then ERIC

Search a topic of interest and try to identify qualitative research studies using words such as ... qualitative research, literature review\*, case study or case studies, interviews, survey, etc. Some of these are options in the Publication Type field or as subjects or descriptors.

#### Search Tips:

- Check the subject headings or descriptors for more ideas on how to search.
- If you locate the full text in the database, you can usually email it to yourself. If you cannot email it directly, save it on the computer, open your email, and send it as an attachment to yourself.
- Check your bibliography and work out how to search by the ED number in ERIC.
- Click **Get It@Queen's** to find an online copy if it not in the index you are searching.
- Search by Publication: Journal of Learning Disabilities. Change default field to journal name. Add search term in second box.

### Find Other Dissertations and Theses

#### Digital Dissertations: 1861- present

Indexes dissertations from over 1,000 universities throughout North America and worldwide, encompassing over two million references. Includes 24 page previews for all theses submitted since 1997, along with an online ordering option for purchasing the full-text of the thesis. Queen's theses, submitted since 1997, can be downloaded in full-text free of charge.

#### How to search and order theses:

Find Articles >> Theses >> Comprehensive Databases for Finding Theses

### Citation Tools

Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com>

#### Pros

- has "cited by" tracking tool
- links to library holdings around the world including Queen's
- can link to Refworks
- includes international publishers
- can limit to social sciences
- coverage for Education about 41% against 3 key databases
- includes 30% of JSTOR -Journal Storage (50 Education journals)
- includes 30 publishers on web
- crawls institutional repositories

#### Cons

- primarily American websites
- little Canadian content
- older articles presented first, no sorting
- coverage of non-English not good
- older material may be missed

From: Neuhaus, C., et al. (2006). The depth and breadth of Google Scholar: An empirical study. *portal Libraries and the Academy*, 6(2), 127-141.

**Web of Science:**

**Description:** Produced by the Institute for Scientific Information, it includes all 3 citation indexes: Science Citation Index 1900 - ; Social Sciences Citation Index 1956 -; Arts and Humanities 1975-present; updated weekly. Indexes over 9,000 journals cover-to-cover and includes over 2,000 more journals than the print version of SCI.

Researchers can:

- Trace articles, books, and/or patents by an author or institution. Discover who is citing your research and how it is being used to support current research. Track the research activities of a particular institution. Follow the history of an idea from its first communication to the present day.
- Trace articles and books on specific subjects, especially those that may be difficult to express or where the terminology describing them has evolved over time.
- Trace coverage of a subject within a specific journal.
- Trace references containing a particular book title.
- Verify the accuracy of a cited reference.

**Examples of Qualitative Research Journals ... relating to Education**

Action Research

Action Research Electronic Reader

Action Research International

Building Research Capacity

Constructivism in the Human Sciences

CAM: Cultural Anthropology Methods

Discourse Analysis Online

Discourse Processes

Discourse Studies

Educational Action Research

Field Methods (Formerly Cultural Anthropology Methods CAM Journal)

Electronic Journal of Sociology

Ethnography

Ethnography and Education

Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung (Forum: Qualitative Social Research)

Gestalt Theory: An International Multidisciplinary Journal

The Grounded Theory Review

International Journal of Qualitative Methods

International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education

International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Health and Well-Being

International Journal of Social Research Methodology Theory & Practice

International Review of Qualitative Research

Journal of Contemporary Ethnography

Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research

Journal of Mixed Methods Research

Kaleidoscope: A Graduate Journal of Qualitative Communication Research

Methodological Innovations Online

Narrative Inquiry

Ontario Action Researcher  
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences  
Poroi: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Rhetorical Analysis and Invention  
Qualitative Family Research  
Qualitative Inquiry  
Qualitative Market Research: An International Journal  
Qualitative Methods  
The Qualitative Report  
Qualitative Research  
Qualitative Researcher  
Qualitative Research Journal Published by the Association for Qualitative Research  
Qualitative Research in Geography Specialty Group of Association of American Geographers Newsletter  
Qualitative Research in Psychology  
Qualitative Social Work: Research and Practice  
Qualitative Sociology  
Qualitative Sociology Review  
Quality and Quantity: International Journal of Methodology  
QRSIG: Newsletter of the AERA Qualitative Research Interest Group  
Research in Phenomenology  
Revue de l'Association pour la Recherche Qualitative  
Sociological Research Online  
Social Research Update  
Symbolic Interaction  
Systemic Practice and Action Research (formerly Systems Practice)  
TAMARA: Journal of Critical Postmodern Organization Science  
Visual Anthropology Review  
Visual Studies

#### Course Books:

Handbook of Qualitative Research: RefH62 H2455 2005  
Research methods in the social sciences by Somekh and Lewin: H62 R454 2005

#### Other Books

Doing educational research: a handbook by Kim Tobin: LB1028 D65  
Experience research social change: Q180.55 M4 K5 2006  
Qualitative inquiry and the conservative challenge: H62 Q346  
Qualitative research practice: Ref H62 Q3547