

EMPIRICAL RESEARCH

KEYWORDS FOR FINDING EMPIRICAL RESEARCH

You can get a lot of results by searching using one of these words or phrases.

As you search look for references that really peak your interest and use words from those to refine your search.

Try using plurals: trial or trials /or/ other word forms: methods or methodology

Clinical trial
Control group
Controlled trial
Double blind
Empirical method
Empirical studies
Experiment
Hypothesis
Original research
Quantitative research
Quantitative methods
Research methodology
Research study
Scientific experimentation
Statistical research
Theoretical studies
Trial

EMPIRICAL RESEARCH is any research involving the collection of new data.

QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH is systematic empirical observation, followed by the application of statistical tests.

OBTAINING RESEARCH ARTICLES

Many of the databases offer at least the citation/abstract information, but none of the databases will offer every item in full text. Once you find an article or other item look for a link to the full text.

Can't find the full article? Use the **Full-Text Journal Title Search**. It is not a database, but it tells you which NSU library databases (if any) have certain **journal issues** online for selected years.

If it is not available online via the library — request it via the **Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan Service**, which delivers articles to you.

:: Accessing the databases ::

1. Start at Nova Southeastern University's Alvin Sherman Library web page: <http://www.nova.edu/library/main>
2. Click on **Electronic Resources**, then click on the word, **Databases**. /OR/ go through your **Patron Portal** to the **Doing Research** section, then click on the word **Databases**.

If taken to another page that asks who you are, click on the link indicating your patron type
3. The next page requires you to **login**. Type in lower case letters your last name and then in the next box, your university/student ID number using no dashes. Click the Submit button.
4. The **Database List** page will load. Choose to see a list of databases via **Browse by Subject:** or **Browse by Letter:**, click on the drop-down menu box, and select an option. Then click the Get List button to the right of the menu.
5. A list of databases will load. This list will be in alphabetical order by name. Click on the name of the database you want to search.

HOW CAN I LOCATE EMPIRICAL RESEARCH?

Limit your search to an area of research or a publication type (may involve using codes), and then refine the search by adding keywords, descriptors, or subjects. Results will include resources related to research, but they will not all be focused on empirical research.

Note that not all search boxes need to have words in them for this search to work, but the search boxes need to be filled sequentially (e.g. do not leave the first one blank).

ERIC DATABASE Code for Research Reports: 143

Search in database: ERIC (Updated: 2004-07-20)
Journal articles and reports in education

Search for: 143 Record Type

and educational policy Descriptors

ERIC is the primary database for literature in the field of education. **ERIC helps you search for areas of research by using numerical codes.** How you search differs in which version you are searching.

ERIC through [CSA](#) uses Publication Type | ERIC through [First Search](#) uses Record Type (see above)

INSTRUCTIONS: Manually type the 143 code into the first search box, and then change the drop-down box to the right to reflect what you are searching for. Ask a librarian about searching using the indexes.

WILSON EDUCATION FULL TEXT DATABASE Subjects

Search For: educational research as: Subject(s)

and Keyword

and Keyword

This database is focused on education, but the search options aren't as powerful as in ERIC.

search by Subject in this database to help refine your results to articles focused on research. Limit your searches by using the appropriate topic phrases or keywords. (not shown in image)

INSTRUCTIONS: Type a word or phrase in the search box to limit a search to a specific area, then change the drop-down menu to the right of the search box to – **Subject(s)**.

Examples:

educational research, social science research, organizational research, psychiatric research, public health research, linguistic research, or social work research