Finding Academic Sources

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Each group should research at least **20 external references** such as journal articles, newspapers, short videos, or relevant websites. Be sure to check high-quality but non-refereed publications such as the *Harvard Business Review*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Economist*, etc., for relevant articles.

At least **10 of these references** must be from **refereed journals**, such as *Sloan Management Review*, *MIS Quarterly*, and *MIS Quarterly Executive*. Refereed journals assure some level of validation. The best source to find refereed journal articles is **ABI-INFORM**, available online to UMSL students. To find refereed articles, simply tick the box for “Scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed” while in ABI inform.

**Here’s how…**
“ABI/INFORM is a comprehensive business database containing thousands of journals. The combination of products forms a business database package that offers full-text titles covering business and economic conditions, corporate strategies, management techniques, as well as competitive and product information.”

Here’s how to access it as an UMSL student...
Steps for Finding Academic Articles

1. Go to UMSL homepage
2. Select the Library Tab
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3. Select Articles/Databases
4. Select Databases

Databases

- Search the database list by name or sort by subject an/or resource type. If you are still which database(s) you should use, contact us for help.

Locate Journal Titles: Search to see if a particular journal title is available through the UMSL Libraries.
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5. Select “ABI/INFORM Complete”
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6. Enter a Search Term (Below I Entered “Internet of Things”)

7. Select **Peer Reviewed** to get academic articles

8. You might limit the search to certain fields. Below I limited to the search term appearing in the document title.
9. That search produced 337 academic articles on January 12, 2018; You can click on articles to find full texts. Search results are sorted by most recent to oldest. Some topics will have thousands of hits, so you might limit the searches even more by playing around with the ABI/INFORM search fields.
I hope this is a resource you will use all your years at UMSL!