# Google Scholar by Joanne Farmer [Video Transcript]

Google scholar is an extension of the Google web search tool and end enables quick and easy searching of scholarly or academic information on the internet.

There is now an option for mobile users, which means you can also search for scholarly articles using your phone.

Before you search, it’s worth setting up the link to the University of Northampton’s Library so you can easily access full-text content from the Library databases where they are available.

To do this, go to the scholar menu on the left and click on the wheel to access the Settings.

Go to Library links and search for the University of Northampton.

Check any relevant boxes to ensure that these are added to your Google search and save the page.

Be mindful of the fact that you’ll still need to use your University log-in if you are accessing Library database content off-campus.

The menu on the left also offers an advanced search option.

This gives you some boxes to enter key words and phrases in a similar way to Library databases.

From the results page, you’ll have some filters to improve your search resource.

For example, you can use the date option to show items that are published recently.

If you have a Google account, you can sign in to use the ‘Save feature’, which is represented by the star icon beneath each item.

The quotation marks lead you to some suggestive referencing styles as well as an export link to the Refwork citation manager.

You can also see how many times the item has been cited in other sources, which provides an indication of how much impact it has had.

On the right-hand side, you can see where the source is located, so if it is available via a University of Northampton Database, you can follow the ‘Find it @ UoN’ link to access the full-text.

If you come across any items you can’t access in full, make a note of the reference details. So you can request these using the University of Northampton’s Inter-Library Loan service.