

Proceedings and Conference Papers: How to Find Them

We are often asked about good sources for proceedings and conference papers, and we're happy to report that there are several great resources available through the library.

ProceedingsFirst

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Web of Science

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Selected proceedings may be listed, indexed, or available in full-text in various specialty databases, such as PubMed, INSPEC, CINAHL, PsycEXTRA, and online catalogs, such as NUCat. Another option is to do a web search by conference name or publication. Many proceedings and conferences provide access to their content on the sponsoring society websites. If you need help finding a conference paper, [contact a Galter librarian](#).

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