Finding Life Science Articles Using BIOSIS Previews

BIOSIS Previews is the world’s most comprehensive reference database for life science research with 5,000 journals and non-journal literature, over 500,000 records added annually and available with up to 18 million records dating from as early as 1926.

Getting to BIOSIS Previews

From a library work station, click and select option Article Databases and search for BIOSIS Previews

OR

From a laptop or personal computer, start from the Biomed Library Homepage. You can get there a couple of ways:

- From UCLA Library home page (http://www.library.ucla.edu), go to Libraries and Collections, select The Libraries, and choose the Biomedical Library
- Go to: http://www.library.ucla.edu/biomed

Searching on BIOSIS Previews

Type in your search terms in the query box and click search.

Truncate using * so you can find all forms of the word - use for when there might be alternative spellings of a word or different endings to a word e.g. “differ” will retrieve differ, differing, differences, etc.

Use the drop-down menus to limit by title, author, publication name, year published and more
Sifting your Results

Tip to get even more results: Do a quick search and a quick read-through on the results page. Re-do your search using useful search terms i.e. scientific names from the Taxonomic Data grid on the article record.

Getting the Full Text
Click on the **UC-eLinks** button. The UC-eLinks menu allows you to see if the UCLA Library subscribes to this material in either print or online form.

Online Access might be Available. Click any link to check for the full-text.

Check the UCLA Library Catalog if there is no option to get it online.

If UCLA does not have the article, request the article from another library (must be a current UCLA student, staff, or faculty).

REMINDER: If accessing BIOSIS Previews off-campus, and you are a current UCLA student, staff, or faculty, you will need to set up your proxy. To do that, go to:

http://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/proxy/

If you need additional help, research assistance is available at the UCLA Biomedical Library. Feel free to call us at (310) 825-4904 Option 3, email us at biomed-ref@library.ucla.edu, or come in to the Biomedical Library during the hours of 1pm - 5pm M-F for reference help.