

## How to Access Library Resources After You Leave UCLA

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! You have accomplished a lot during your time at UCLA. But what happens when you leave? Will you be able to access the Library's resources after you graduate?

Unfortunately, after you leave UCLA you will no longer be able to access the licensed databases and electronic journals and books that you have become accustomed to using. This is because the Library can only pay for access for current students, staff, and faculty. Here are some things you can do when you start your new job.

### **Know what is free**

In general, you will always have access to resources from the federal government and many times from other government entities. For example, PubMed is always free, and many of the full text journal articles are freely available as well. Federal government resources such as the Census Bureau, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Library of Medicine are freely available.

### **Explore what's available with your new employer**

Find out if your new employer has a library. If so, introduce yourself to the library staff and find out what is available. If the new employer doesn't have a library, check with your manager or the IT department. Does the organization subscribe to electronic resources and books? How do you access them?

### **Explore what's available through your professional associations**

Key publications from your professional associations, including both print and electronic, are usually available at a reduced cost to members.

### **Explore your local university library**

Even if you are not a currently enrolled student, staff, or faculty member, most public universities, and many private ones, allow on-site access to electronic resources.

### **Explore local libraries through the National Network of Libraries of Medicine**

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine is a program of the National Library of Medicine and dedicated to advancing the progress of medicine and improving the public health through access to health information. You will find a directory of member libraries available at <http://nnlm.gov/members/>. Look for a library in your area and contact them for more information about the services they offer. Call 800-338-7657 to ask advice from your Regional Medical Library.

### **Check with your state or country library**

Your state library may also be able to help. For example, Washington State has a program through which all licensed health professionals have access to electronic resources. Check to see what your state or county offers.

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