



Research Insight FAQ

What is Research Insight?

Research Insight is a search tool that allows users to search across our entire database of scholarly research metadata by scholar name or research topic.

What data are included in Research Insight?

Research Insight indexes the titles of books and book chapters, and the titles and abstracts of articles, conference proceedings, U.S. federal grants, U.S. patents, and clinical trials. The full history of scholarship within our data-capture windows is included.

How often are these data updated?

The scholarly activity data are updated weekly, while funding opportunities are refreshed nightly.

My work is in education. When I search by topic for "education," why don't I come to the top?

The scholar results are ordered by the number of works that contain the term "education." Other scholars may have used the term in more works than you, or it's possible that you tend to use more specific terms (e.g., "classroom" or "learning").

Why aren't all the items on my CV included?

Academic Analytics will never be able to capture all the items on a CV, and it should never be used for summative or evaluative purposes for an individual. We do, however, continually search for new data sources and welcome suggestions and feedback. Currently, Academic Analytics captures the following data:

- Articles: 2004 – present
- Conference Proceedings: 2004 – present
- Books: 2003 – present
- Grants: 2006 – present
- Honorific Awards: varies by award
- Patents: 1976 – present
- Clinical Trials: 1995 – present
- Book Chapters: 2003 – present

I am looking for a specific person at another institution, but I can't find him/her. Why not?

Research Insight includes faculty members from PhD-granting Institutions in the United States. Most of the faculty included are tenure-track faculty, or those with a similar research expectation as reported by each institution. If you cannot find a faculty member at a given institution, it could be for one of several reasons, including: 1) the person's institution is not in our database, 2) the person is not a tenure-track or similar faculty member or, 3) the person recently changed institutional affiliation.

How are you getting your suggested funding? Is this just federal?

Suggested Funding presents a list of available funding opportunities for the topic or selected scholar. Opportunities are identified by indexing the funding database against research terms. These opportunities are not limited to federal funding.

Who has access to Research Insight?

Access to Research Insight is determined by each institution. For more specific information, ask your associate or internal Academic Analytics contact.

How do I find suggested honorific awards for all our faculty?

The Suggested Awards file is available on the Downloads page of the portal, in the Research Insight section. If you do not have access to this page/section, speak to your associate or internal Academic Analytics liaison. Suggested awards for individual faculty members can be found on the last tab of their faculty profile.

How do I correct errors in the system?

We encourage subscribers to let us know when they think there is an error in the database. Please forward a description of the issue to your dedicated Academic Analytics liaison or send an email to our help desk (help@academicanalytics.com)



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Why is the information in Research Insight more up to date than in the comparative sections of the portal?

Research Insight is intended to be a real-time view into contemporary U.S. scholarship, while our comparative products are intended to provide a snapshot of the research landscape for a fixed time period. The same data that feed both products are captured from various sources at different rates throughout the year and then go through a rigorous matching and verification process. Once verified, the data become available to Research Insight users in real time, while the same data are then added to the comparative database for the next appropriate product year.

Is there any comparative information in Research Insight?

There are three areas of Research Insight which display or utilize comparative information in some fashion. The RC-Index in the Scholar Results table uses comparative-discipline and scholar-rank information. The Discipline Career Benchmark graphic in the Team Analysis screen displays comparative Career Progression data. And lastly, the Suggested Honorific Awards uses a modified version of the Scholarly Research Index.

After searching for a research topic, which data in the search results relate specifically to my search and which represent aggregate data about a given scholar?

The main search-results screen contains four tabbed sections: Scholars, Funding, Networks, and Recent Activity. Each section presents results tied directly to your search. The Scholars section contains a list of scholars that are relevant to the search based on key terms found in their works, along with relevant aggregate data. The clickable blue-number columns indicate the number of collaborations and individual works that scholar has related to the search term(s). The work-count columns reflect the total number of each work type in our historical database for that scholar. The RC-Index is based on the previous seven years of journal-/conference-proceeding publications.

How is Research Insight different from Faculty Insight?

Faculty Insight is similar to Research Insight in that it is a search tool that allows users to search across our entire database of scholarly research metadata by scholar name or research topic. In addition to using native Academic Analytics data, however, Faculty Insight also incorporates local institution data and self-entered faculty data.

Who can I contact with other questions?

Please reach out to your Academic Analytics liaison or associate, or the main contact for Academic Analytics at your institution. If you are unsure of these contacts, email our helpdesk at help@academicanalytics.com

Request a demonstration to see the value of Academic Analytics at your institution.
Contact us at info@academicanalytics.com.