Research Help on the APA Website

Every other month we give you information on what’s going on within one directorate of the American Psychological Association: APA Publications and Databases. In this issue, let’s take a quick look at another area of our website that will be of interest to your institution, our dedicated Research in Psychology section.

Research Funding provides information on funding opportunities that include both APA and affiliate organization scholarships, grants, and awards. The section also includes information about funding from APA’s own publications, monthly announcements of new funding opportunities, and a centralized collection of links to other vital funding sources, like the Extramural Loan Repayment Program from the National Institutes of Health and the Federal Financial Aid Portal and State Funding Resources.

Research Tools & Methods includes resources like APA’s own research publications as well as sources such as upcoming Events for Researchers and the APA Advanced Training Institutes. One particularly fascinating link goes to the Online Psychology Laboratory, a highly interactive resource for teaching psychological science that includes correlational studies, data sets, demonstrations, and teaching aids.

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) also features relevant APA resources as well as links to information on the nine areas that, as defined by federal agencies, encompass RCR. Those areas are Collaborative Science, Conflicts of Interest and Commitments, Data Acquisition, Management, Sharing and Ownership, Human Research Protections, Lab Animal Welfare, Mentoring, Peer Review, Publications Practices and Responsible Authorship, and Research Misconduct.

Publishing Research provides links to APA publications related to areas like library use, dissertations and theses,
Training and Search Materials Round Up

In the fall, the APA trainers you encountered throughout the spring and summer conference season have a chance to sit down and start sifting through all the great ideas and feedback you share with us at our live training sessions. This fall, we were hard at work on two types of search guides: Getting Started with PsycTESTS

In the last newsletter issue of 2013, we reported on the development of a new handout for PsycTESTS®. We are very pleased to announce that a version of this search guide is now available for each of the major vendor platforms – APA PsycNET®, EBSCOhost, ProQuest and OvidSP. You’ll find them linked from our Search Guides page: http://bit.ly/APASearchGuides

This PDF handout presents key information about PsycTESTS in an easy-to-follow Q & A format, and most answers are illustrated with screenshots. This enables the new user to treat the handout as a self-paced training course, while also ensuring that the document is an easy reference tool for someone more familiar with the database.

At the end of the guide, we’ve left room for you to include contact information for your reference desk. The versions linked above leave that section blank, so you can stamp, label or write in as needed. For a customized file with your reference desk contact information embedded, contact us at psycinfo@apa.org. Let us know what platform you use to access PsycTESTS, and what information you’d like included. Note that the space available is limited, but is more than enough to include the name of your reference service desk, phone number, email and URL for links to chat services, consultation information, and the like.

We welcome your feedback and comments on this guide! If you do use it, please let us know what you, your students and faculty think. Send your thoughts to psycinfo@apa.org at any time.

New Topic Guides

Just before ALA Midwinter, we completed work on six new Topic Guides, bringing the total to 16!
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Topic Guides are platform-agnostic handouts for interdisciplinary research. Each has three search scenarios, and a selected list of terms from our thesaurus. As of this writing, Topic Guides are available for:

- Child Development
- Education
- Feminism
- Forensics
- Gerontology
- Grief & Trauma Counseling
- Integrative Medicine
- Law & Criminal Justice
- Management
- Marketing & Advertising
- Military Psychology
- Neuroscience
- Nursing
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Religion & Spirituality
- Sexuality & Gender Identity

The guides are available from http://bit.ly/APATopicGuides, where you’ll find them in two formats: a PowerPoint file that contains only the text, so that you can incorporate any portions of the guide that you like into existing instruction materials; and a full-color PDF that you can download and print at your institution. We are also glad to send you a quantity of professionally-printed guides, free of charge. Just send a note to psycinfo@apa.org.

Spring Conference Training Opportunities

If you are looking for professional development opportunities, be sure to check out APA's database training events. In March, be on the lookout for information about our training session at the Association of Independent Information Professionals Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD (April 2-6). And in April, we’ll announce the details for our Sunrise Seminar at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (May 16-21).

To see the full conference schedule for APA's Publications and Databases group, visit http://bit.ly/PIexhibits.

If you weren’t able to join us at our Lunch & Learn at ALA Midwinter, you may want to take a look at the slides from our presentation, which include screenshots of the live search demos. This presentation, and others, can be found in our Presentation Archive: http://bit.ly/PresoArchive

Coming Soon from APA: COUNTER 4 Usage Statistics

As you know, a new standard for database usage statistics has gone into effect. New statistics in the COUNTER 4 update include Gold Open Access downloads, result clicks and record views, and turnaway reporting. For more information on the new reporting standards, visit the COUNTER website at http://www.projectcounter.org.

Here at APA, we have been working to come into compliance with the new standard, and are testing the system to ensure that statistics are captured and reported accurately. For at least three reporting cycles after our COUNTER 4 system goes live, we will run the COUNTER 3 system as well, enabling you to choose the reporting format you need. While we will eventually transition to providing only COUNTER 4 reports, we will maintain an archive of COUNTER 3 reports for your reference. Library administrators will continue to access usage statistics for APA PsycNET through the Admin Center, at admincenter.apa.org.

Once our COUNTER 4 reports have been tested and the new system is live, we will make announcements to several listservs, including the PsycINFO list (http://bit.ly/PsycINFOListServ). Stay tuned for more!
In Search Of: Submitting a Manuscript to an APA Journal

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e know faculty and students are very interested in getting their work published. Did you know PsycINFO and your search platform can help? The first hurdle is finding journals that would be appropriate for your research. The next steps are to find guidelines for manuscript preparation (and following them to the T!) and the portal for submission.

In this issue, we’ve limited a search to PsycARTICLES to narrow our target journals to APA and EPF (Educational Publishing Foundation) journals. From the journals that returned the most results, we’ve looked for publication information that leads to the journal’s editorial office submission policy and procedure.

Versions of this tutorial are available for APA PsycNET, EBSCOhost, ProQuest and OvidSP. You can review the version for your platform on the PsycINFO YouTube channel:

- APA PsycNET: http://youtu.be/-alM4traAHc
- EBSCOhost: http://youtu.be/VY-cTQDpyjo
- OvidSP: http://youtu.be/PWcdP_z1aYE
- ProQuest: http://youtu.be/tnPn1Hwwx8

Coming Soon from APA: Search Widgets for APA PsycNET

In 2013, we got a record number of requests for search widgets to use with APA Databases on the APA PsycNET platform. We heard that these tools enable you to direct your students and faculty straight to the content they need, using the “single search box” format that they prefer. This winter, programming staff have been hard at work on a widget generator that will enable your library administrator to create and customize search widgets to use on your LibGuides, in your LMS, and elsewhere on your library website.

As of this writing, we’re still testing and finalizing the widget generator. Once it’s released, you’ll find it in our Admin Center. The generator is a simple webform that walks you through the process of creating a widget to search one or more APA Databases on the APA PsycNET platform. The widget can be configured to search Any Field, Title, Keyword or Index Terms, and there are additional options to customize the look and feel. The generator creates HTML code that you can either continue to customize yourself, or copy and paste into a web page. Keep an eye out for an announcement when the widget generator is ready!

For search widgets for EBSCOhost, OvidSP, and ProQuest, please contact your vendor directly.
The American Psychological Association’s Excellence in Librarianship Award was created to recognize an outstanding contribution to psychology and behavioral sciences librarianship. The award includes a $2,500 check and an inscribed plaque, which will be presented at the EBSS Forum at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Las Vegas in June 2014.

Who Is Eligible?
This award is open to both librarians and allied professionals who have demonstrated significant achievement in librarianship in the social and behavioral sciences.
Examples of achievement may include one or more of the following: instruction, project development, publications, research, or service. APA employees are not eligible.

Who Can Nominate?
Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominations will be accepted from library users, students, faculty, library colleagues, or others with knowledge of the nominee’s achievement.

Nomination Procedure and Timeline
Please submit the following electronically by April 18, 2014:

- Nomination statement (describe the contribution and its significance within and outside of the institution); a current curriculum vitae; and optional supporting documentation may be included with nomination (digital copies or URL’s leading to online documentation)
- Letters of support (no more than three; at least one letter from a direct beneficiary of the services provided by the nominee is strongly encouraged)
- Contact information for the nominee

Submissions are being accepted online at APA Excellence in Librarianship Award (excellenceinlibrarianshipaward@apa.org).
Applications will be kept in the award pool for three years. Applications may be updated each year, as long as they are received by the award deadline.

Selecting the Recipient
The recipient will be selected by a committee of peers and be notified in May 2014.

Please direct questions to APA Excellence in Librarianship Award (excellenceinlibrarianshipaward@apa.org).