Imperial College London

Student Library Guide

01 Help!

Can't find the right book? Not sure which database to use? Just ask.

Our friendly and knowledgeable librarians are here to help you and you can chat with us online Monday to Friday 09.30 – 16.30.

02 Ready to go!

Your Imperial ID is also your library card – you are already a member. Touch or scan your card to enter our libraries, borrow items and use printer-copiers.

Use your Imperial username and password to log in to PCs, see your library account and to access online resources.

03 Look it up

Use Library Search to find books, journal articles and more.

You can also access your account and save lists of books and articles to go back to later.

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04 Laptops and iPads

You can borrow a laptop or iPad at the Abdus Salam Library and iPads are available at some of our campus libraries.

Visit our website to find out what's available at your library.

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Can't find what you want?

We offer a document delivery service to all students to obtain any items we don't hold in our collections.

This service is free and unlimited.

06 Online all the time

The library has over 430,000 e-journals, databases and e-books for you to access 24 hours a day wherever you are.

Just log in with your Imperial username and password.

07 Free workshops

Whatever your information needs we're here to help. We offer a range of workshops, drop in sessions and one to one appointments with your subject librarian.

Learn about academic skills and our information resources.

08 Know your zone

Our libraries and GoStudy spaces have silent, quiet and group study areas, including bookable rooms with data projectors and whiteboards.

Book a study room via the library website.

09 Writing an essay or doing research?

It's important to record what you've read and where your ideas have come from – this is called referencing and citing.

There's more information on our website, including how to book training and a list of available software.

10 Borrowing

You can borrow up to 40 items. They'll be issued for 1 week and renew automatically unless reserved by other users.

If you need a book that's on loan, request it and we'll ask the borrower to return it.

11 Need extra support?

If you need extra support
we want you to make the
most of our services.

**Register with the Disability
Advisory Service to access
our Assistive Technology Room,
priority desk bookings and
longer book loans.**

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