

How to Search for Articles in USM's Database Subscriptions

Step 1: Access Campus Online

- Go to USM Campus Online <https://campusonline.usm.my/> (Figure 1: Campus Online)
- Log in with your USM Identity.

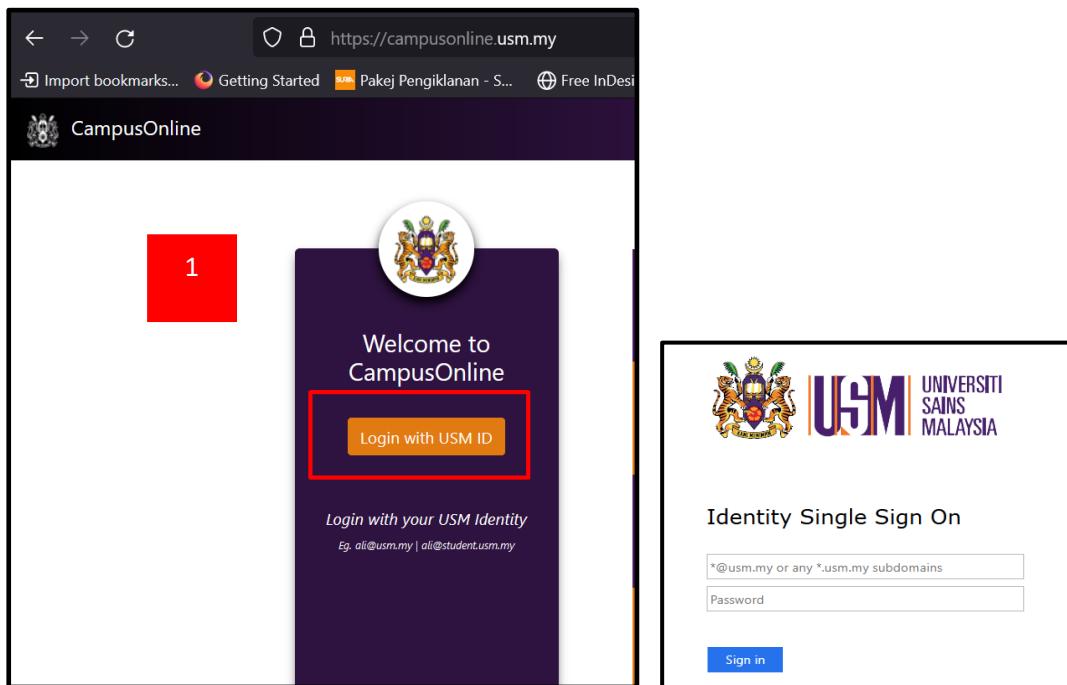


Figure 1: Campus Online

Step 2: Navigate to ePerpustakaan

- On the dashboard, select **ePerpustakaan** (Figure 2) from the available apps.



Figure 2: ePerpustakaan app

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Step 3: Choose Off-Campus Access

- Select **Off-Campus Access** to access the library's electronic resources remotely.

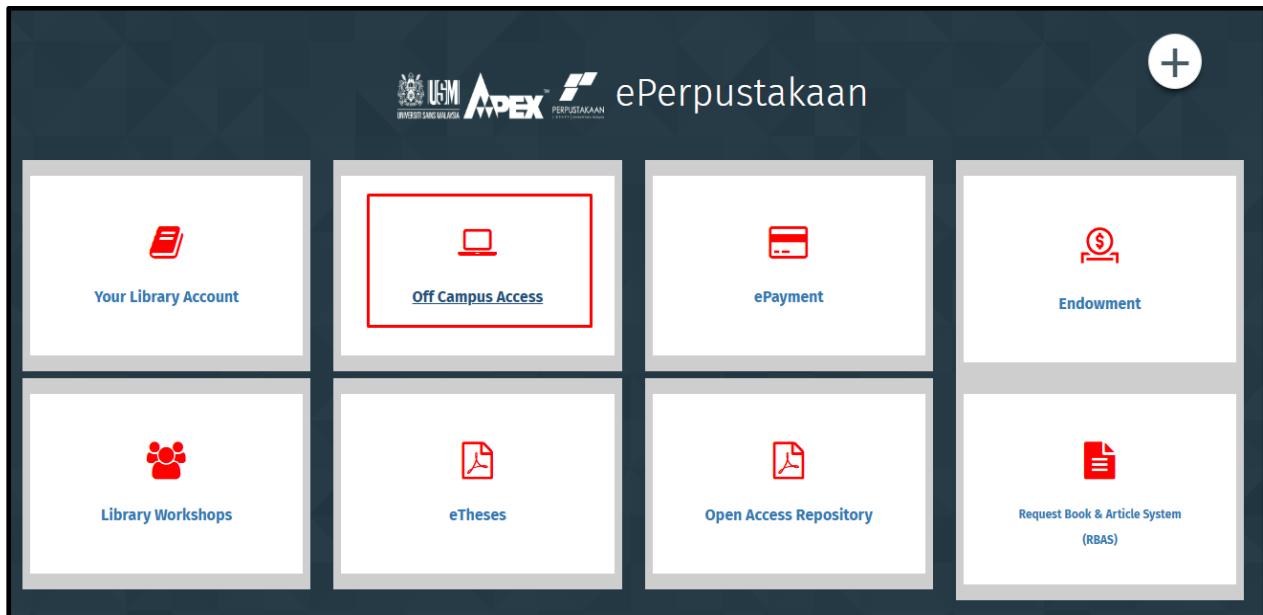


Figure 3: ePerpustakaan dashboard

Step 4: Search for Articles

- You have two **OPTIONS** for searching (Figure 4):
 1. **Discovery - Search Articles, Journals, and Databases** – Use this option to search for academic journal articles, databases, printed books, eBooks, and other discoverable resources. It serves as a one-stop centre to find all USM Library collections
 2. **Discover Resources – Search the list of resources** - Browse the list of available databases and eBooks. You can search the list alphabetically or enter the name of a specific database or eBook you are looking for.

** Use appropriate keywords to refine your search results.

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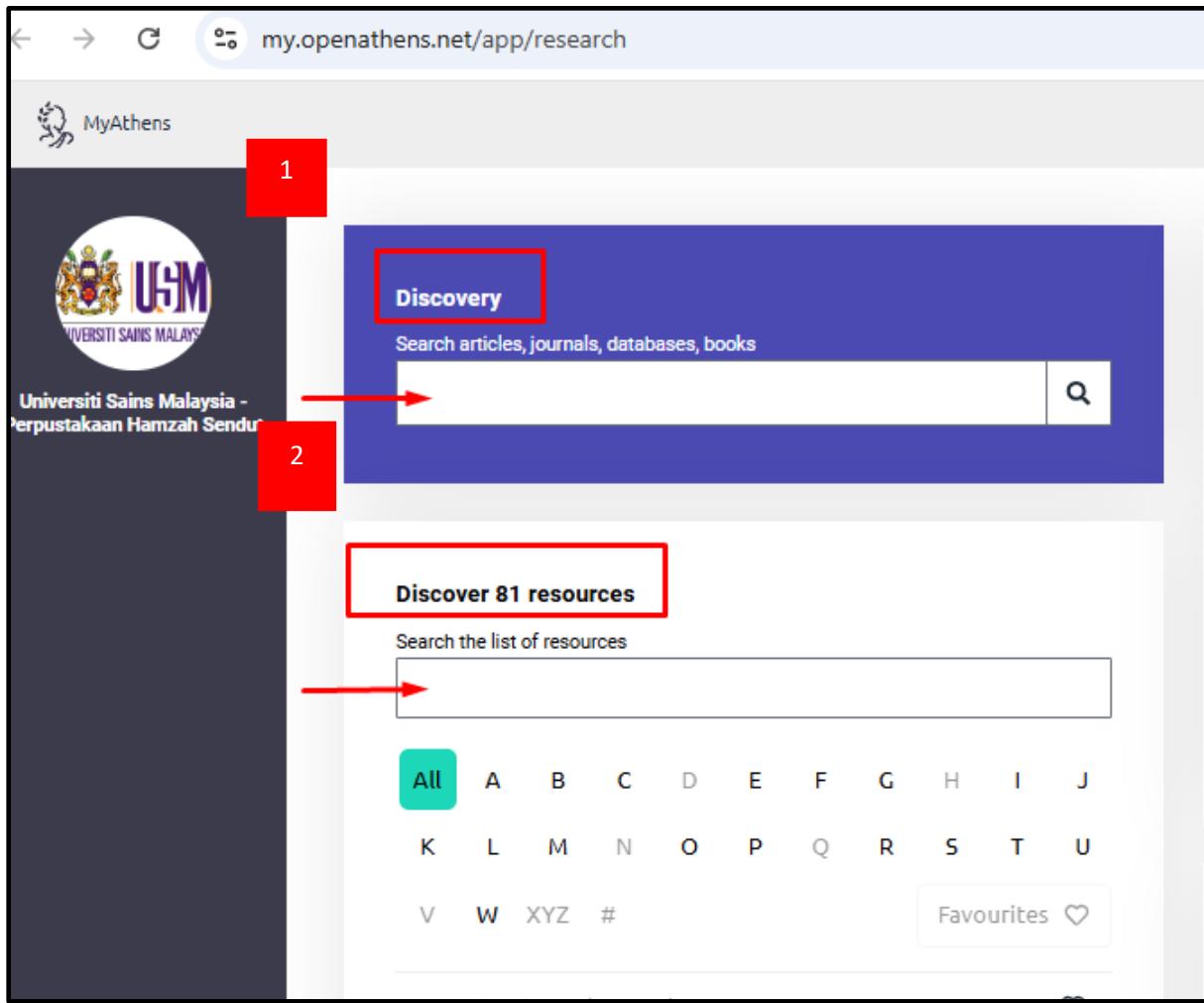


Figure 4: Search Options

Step 5: Access Full-Text Articles

Example: Searching with the Topic **"Robot Car"**.

OPTION 1: Using Discovery - Search Articles, Journals, and Databases

- In the **Discovery Search** bar on the main page, type and search specific or related keywords (Figure 5) like:
 - "robot car"
 - "autonomous vehicle"

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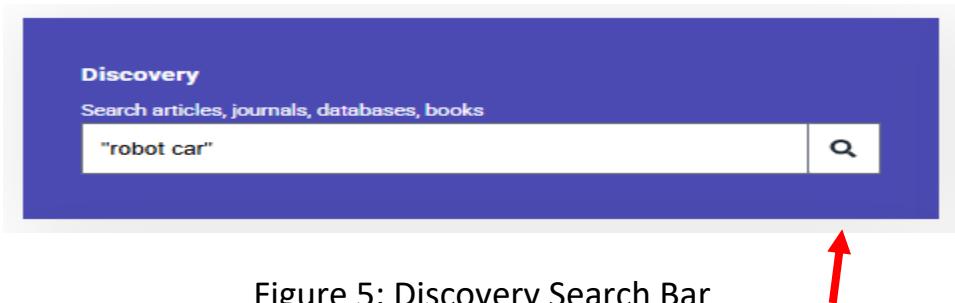


Figure 5: Discovery Search Bar

1. Use **quotation marks** to search for exact phrases, and combine terms using **AND/OR** to refine results (Figure 6). Press **Enter** to view results.
 - Example: "robot car" AND navigation or use **Advanced Search** features.

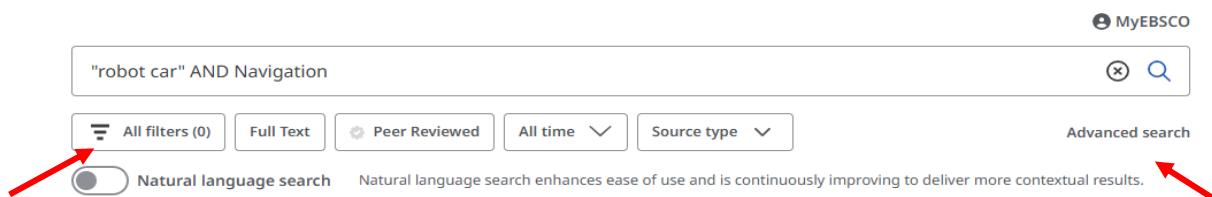


Figure 6: Combine Terms To refine Results

➤ Click filters and **Apply** (Figure 7) to narrow down:

- Publication year (e.g., last 5 years)
- Source type: journal articles
- Full text availability

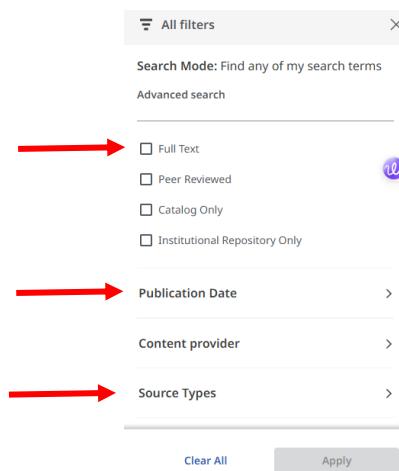


Figure 7: Filters

➤ If the full text is **available**, you can **download** it directly.

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OPTION 2: Using Discovery Resource - Search by Database

➤ Browse the list of available Databases A to Z (Figure 8). Browse the list alphabetically.



Figure 8: Databases A to Z

➤ Choose the letter **S** or **enter the name** of a specific database you are looking for. e.g., **ScienceDirect** (Figure 9).

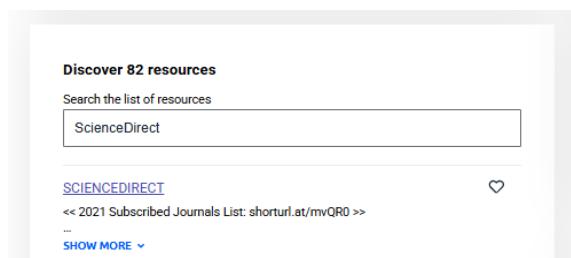


Figure 9: Specific Database

✍ Let's try **ScienceDirect Database** as an example.

🔍 Search for Your Topic:

1. In the ScienceDirect search bar, type specific and related keywords (Figure 10) like:
 - "robot car" OR "autonomous vehicle"

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Figure 10: ScienceDirect Search Bar

2. Press **Enter** to view results.

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Filter/Refine Results:

➤ Use filter (Figure 11) to refine the results by:

- **Publication Year** (e.g., 2020–2024)
- **Article type**: e.g., Research articles, review articles
- **Subject area**: e.g., Engineering, Computer Science

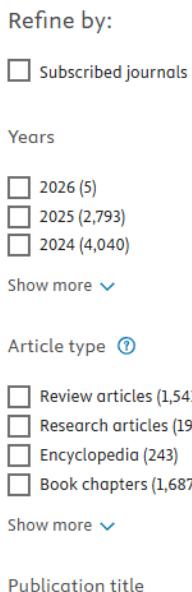


Figure 11: Filter

Select an Article:

1. Browse the list and click the article title.
2. Example: *Single and Multi-Hand Gesture based Soft Material Robotic Car Control.*

Download the Article:

1. On the article page, click the **View PDF** button (Figure 12).
2. The PDF will open in a new tab, click “Download PDF” to save to your d

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Figure 12: Article Page

✓ *Tip: Make sure you're signed in via USM network or VPN. If off-campus, login through the USM Campus Online >> eperpustakaan apps to get full access.*

🔒 **Note:** If full-text access is not available, you may:

- Request the article via **Document Delivery Service (DDS)**, proceed to the next step.

Step 6: Request Full-Text via the Library

- Go back to the **ePerpustakaan** dashboard (Figure 3).
- Select **Request Book and Article System (RBAS)**.

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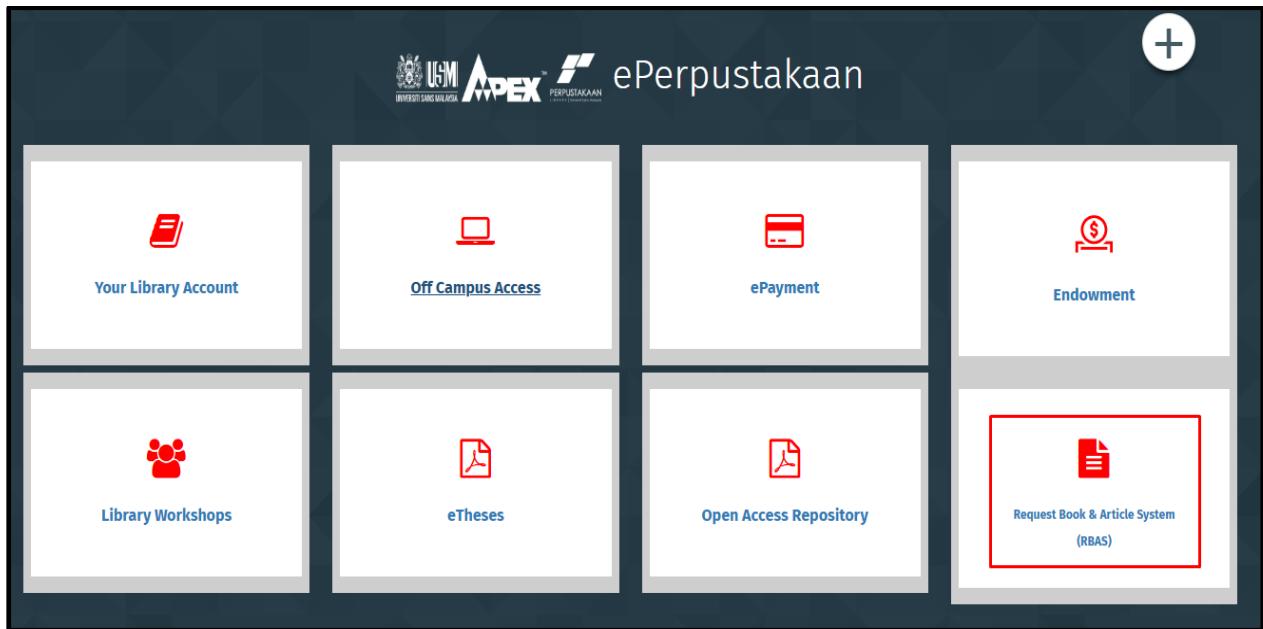


Figure 3: ePerpustakaan Dashboard

- Select **Request Articles** (Figure 13).
- On your right, click the **ADD REQUEST** button (Figure 14). Enter the details of the article you need in the **Article Request Form** (Figure 15).
- Kindly complete the provided form and click the **SUBMIT** button. Your request will be forwarded to our admin for processing.
- Library staff will process your request within **four working days** and notify you of the supply status via email.

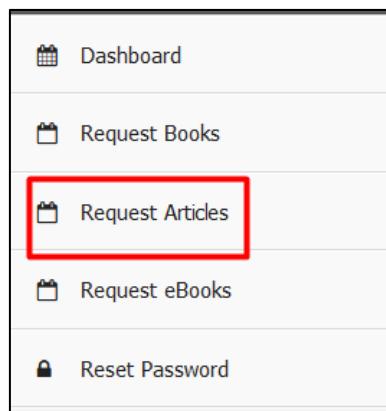


Figure 13: Menu for Article Requests

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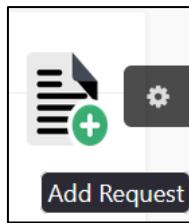
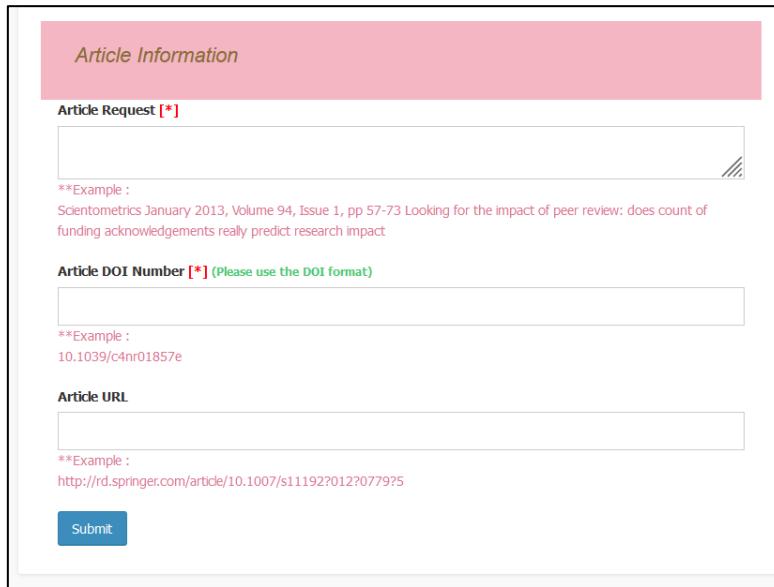


Figure 14: Add Request



Article Information

Article Request [*]

**Example :
Scientometrics January 2013, Volume 94, Issue 1, pp 57-73 Looking for the impact of peer review: does count of funding acknowledgements really predict research impact

Article DOI Number [*] (Please use the DOI format)

**Example :
10.1039/c4nr01857e

Article URL

**Example :
<http://rd.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11192-012-0779-5>

Submit

Figure 15: Article Request Form

FOLLOW THE SAME STEPS IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL REQUESTS.

Thank You