How to Find Journals & Check Quartiles in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

Step 1: Access Campus Online

- Go to USM Campus Online <u>https://campusonline.usm.my/</u> (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

Step 3: Choose Off-Campus Access

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



Figure 2: ePerpustakaan dashboard

Step 4: Search for Journal Citation Reports (JCR) Database

Under the Discover Resources – Search the list of resources - search for Journal Citation Reports (JCR) and click to access (Figure 3).

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Step 5: Search for a Journal

• Two ways to find journals in JCR.

✓ Option 1: Use the Search Bar to type the journal name.

✓ Option 2: Browse by Category to explore journals in your field.





Option 1: Search by Journal Name (Direct Search)

- > At the **JCR homepage**, locate the **search bar** at the top.
- > Type the full or partial **journal name** (e.g., Nature).

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Figure 5: Journal Results

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Click on the journal title from the search results to view its details and Export.

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Figure 6: Journal Profile Page

Solution Use this method if you already have a specific journal in mind and want to check its ranking and impact factor.

Option 2: Search by Subject Category (Browse & Discover)

- On the JCR homepage, click Browse by Category (or go to 'Categories' in the top menu).
- Choose your field of study (e.g., Information Science & Library Science, Engineering, Medicine, Agriculture Sciences).

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Figure 7: Journal by Categories

A list of journals in that subject area will appear once you click at **#of** Journal.

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Figure 8: Journal List Page

Once you've found a journal that fits your research area, click on its name to check Impact Factor, Quartile Ranking, and Key Metrics.

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Figure 9: Quartile Ranking & Impact Factor

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📌 Important Note:

? If a journal appears in multiple subject categories, its quartile ranking is determined based on the **highest quartile ranking** among those categories.

🎤 Example:

"If a journal is ranked **Q1 in Agricultural Engineering** but **Q2 in Biotechnology & Applied Microbiology**, it will be considered a **Q1 journal** overall."

OR

Use the Sort & Filter options to refine your search.



Figure 10: Sort & Filter Option

Step 6: Use the Filtering Feature

If you need to compare journals, click Categories and filter by:

- Subject area (e.g., Library Science, Engineering, etc.)
- Find the Journal Quartile (Q1-Q4) Q1 is the highest-ranked!
- Open Access options

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P Tip: Always check for publication fees, scope, and indexing before submission.

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