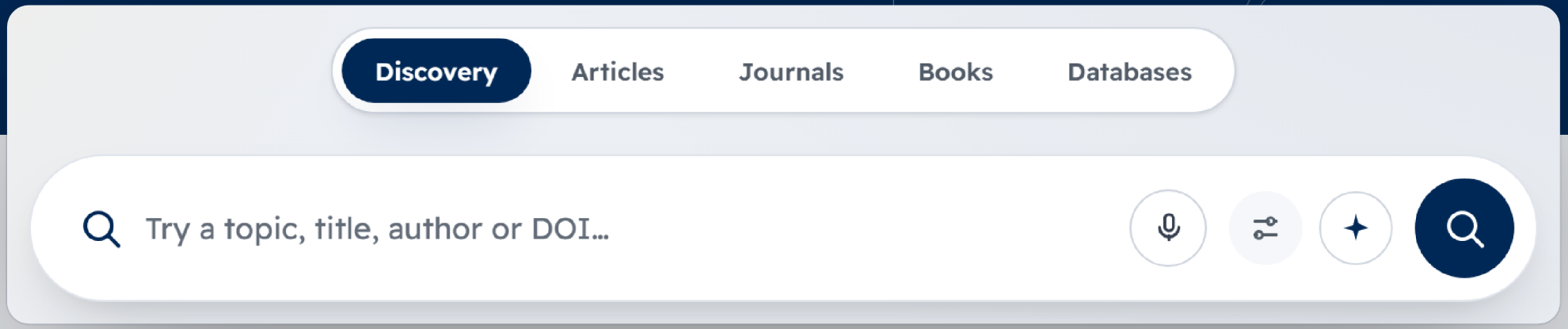
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Everything else in this guide builds on these.

1

Go to the portal

Open **eresources.ku.edu.kw** in any browser — on campus or off, on any device.

2

Search

Type keywords, a title, an author or a DOI. Or ask the **Research Assistant** a question in plain language.

3

Refine

Tick **Full text online** or **Peer-reviewed** in the Filters panel. Sort by newest if you need recent work.

4

View Online

Select **View Online** on a result. The full text opens on the publisher's site with KU access.

5

Sign in

Use your **KU account** to save items and share with your college.

DATABASES
Browse › Databases

E-JOURNALS & E-BOOKS
Browse › Holdings

WHERE TO PUBLISH
Browse › Journals › Ranking filters

HELP
Ask a librarian · bottom right

About Unified Search

Unified Search is the Kuwait University Libraries' search portal. One search box covers scholarly articles, e-books, e-journals and databases from leading publishers, with results ranked by relevance and linked to full text.

NEW IN THIS RELEASE

- **Research Assistant** — ask a question in plain language.
- **Journal rankings** — JCR and Scopus quartiles for subscribed journals.
- **Colleges** — a library page for every college at KU.
- **One-click citations** — APA, MLA, Chicago and Harvard.
- **Trainings** — live webinars and recordings from publishers.

HOW TO READ THIS GUIDE



A blue outline marks the control. Its number sits outside the screenshot and matches the step beside it.

Browse › Databases A menu path to follow.

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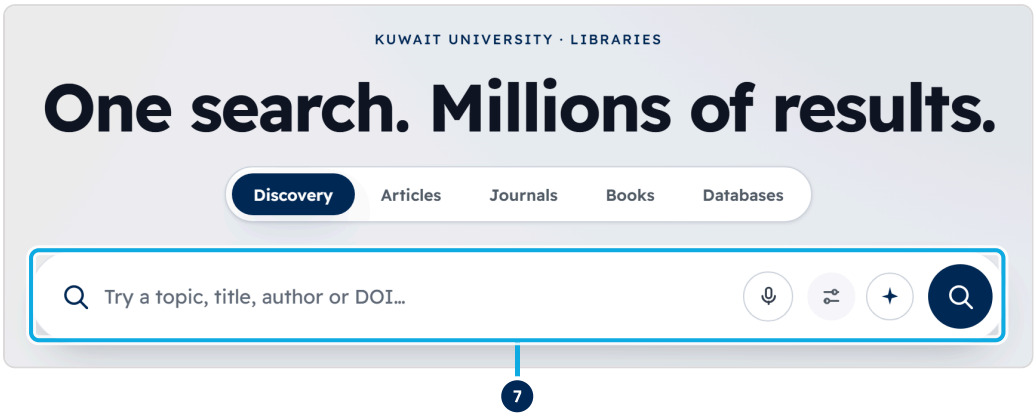
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01 Getting started

Go to **eresources.ku.edu.kw** in any browser. No sign-in is needed to search.



The header appears on every page.



7 The search box on the home page — start any search here (chapter 03).

1 Main menu
Browse, **Subjects**, **Content** and **Training** lead to every part of the portal (next page).

2 Language
Switch between English and Arabic on any page.

3 Notifications
Library announcements and upcoming trainings.

4 Sign in
With your KU account, for saved items and personal services (chapter 02).

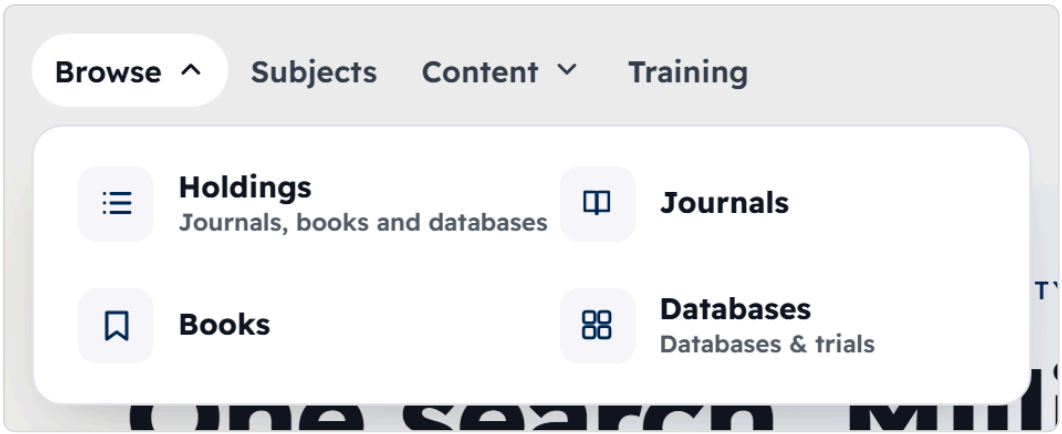
5 Colleges
Opens your college's page (chapter 09).

6 Text size & display
AA sets text size, high contrast and a dyslexia-friendly font.

TIP Scroll down the home page for new titles, research tools and the latest trainings.

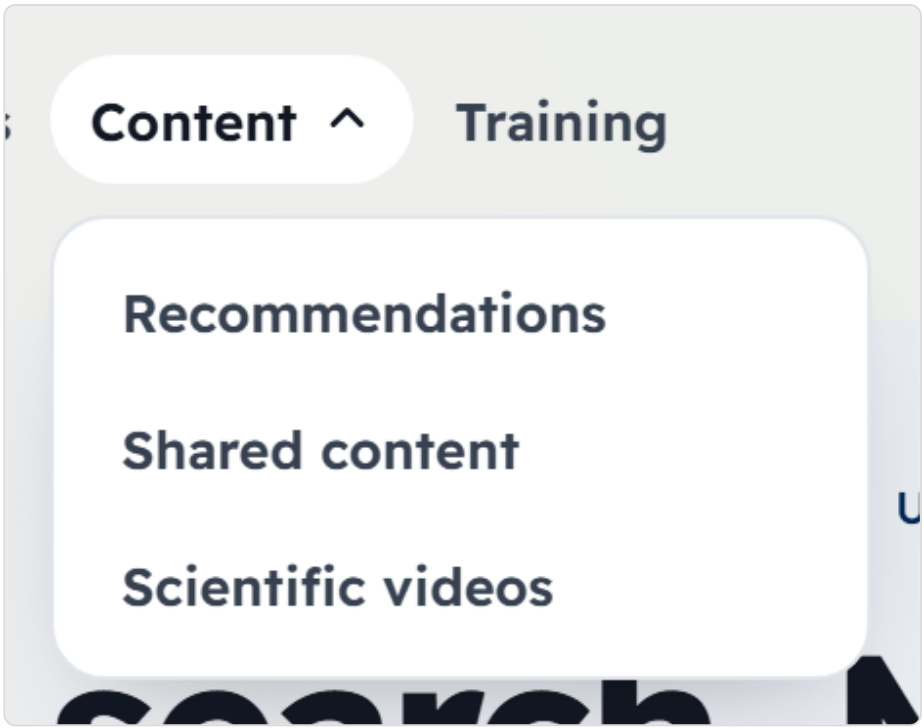
01 The main menu

Two menus and two direct links. Hover over **Browse** or **Content** to open them.



Browse

Holdings, Journals, Books and Databases — your routes into the collection.



Content

Recommendations, Shared content and Scientific videos.

Subjects

The whole collection by Scopus subject area (chapter 07).

Training

Live webinars and recordings from publishers (chapter 10).

Colleges

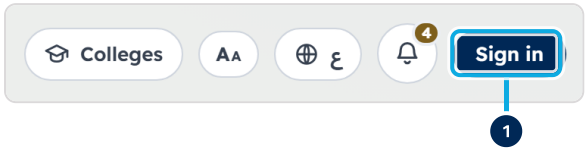
A button at the top right of every page — the entry point to every college's library hub (chapter 09).

02 Signing in

Searching is open to everyone. Sign in with your Kuwait University account to save items and use personal services.

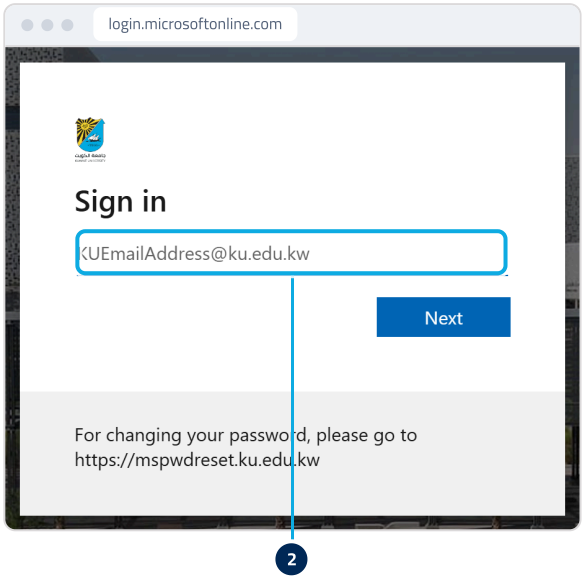
1 Select Sign in

Top right of any page.



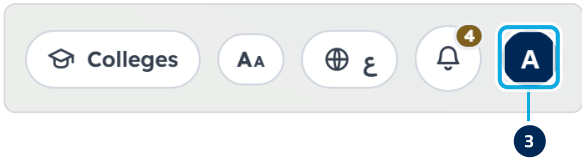
2 Enter your KU email and password

You briefly move to Microsoft's sign-in page. This is expected — Unified Search never sees your password.



3 You are back, signed in

You return to the page you were on. **Sign in** is replaced by your initial — select it for Saved items and your account.



TIP **Off campus?** Sign in first, then open full text from the portal so your university access is recognised.

Saved items

Keep articles, titles and databases in one list.

Shared content

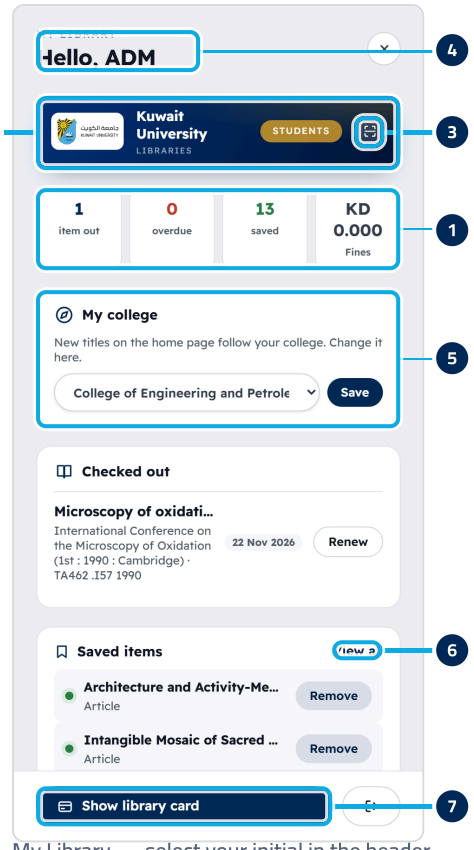
See what colleagues have shared with your college.

Share

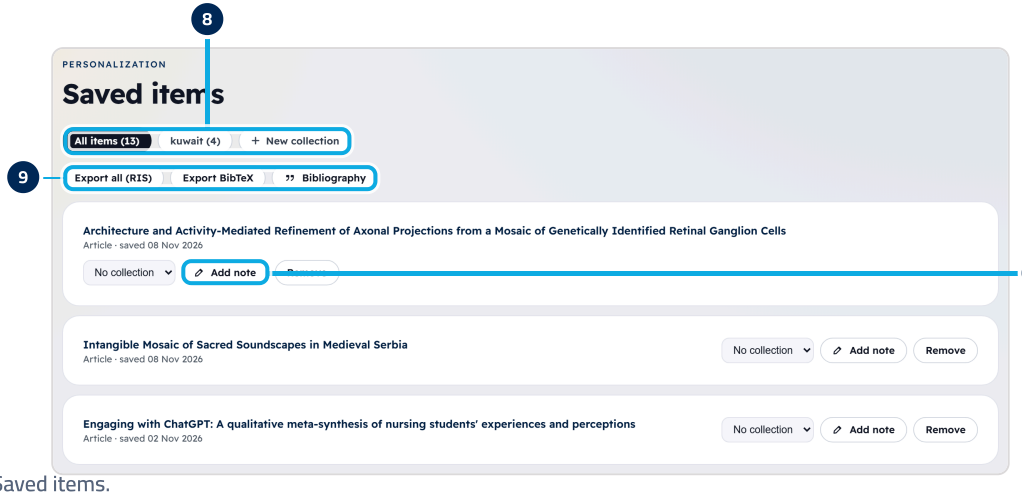
Share articles with colleagues in your college.

02 Your library account

Once signed in, your loans, fines, saved items and library card are one click away.



My Library — select your initial in the header.



Saved items.



Your digital library card.

1 At a glance
Items out, due soon, overdue and fines.

2 Library card
Your college and borrower type.

3 Scan icon
Opens your digital card (11).

4 My Library
Loans, fines and saved items in one panel.

5 My college
Steers new titles on your home page.

6 Saved items
Select **View all**.

7 Show library card
Also at the foot of My Library.

8 Collections
Group saved items into lists.

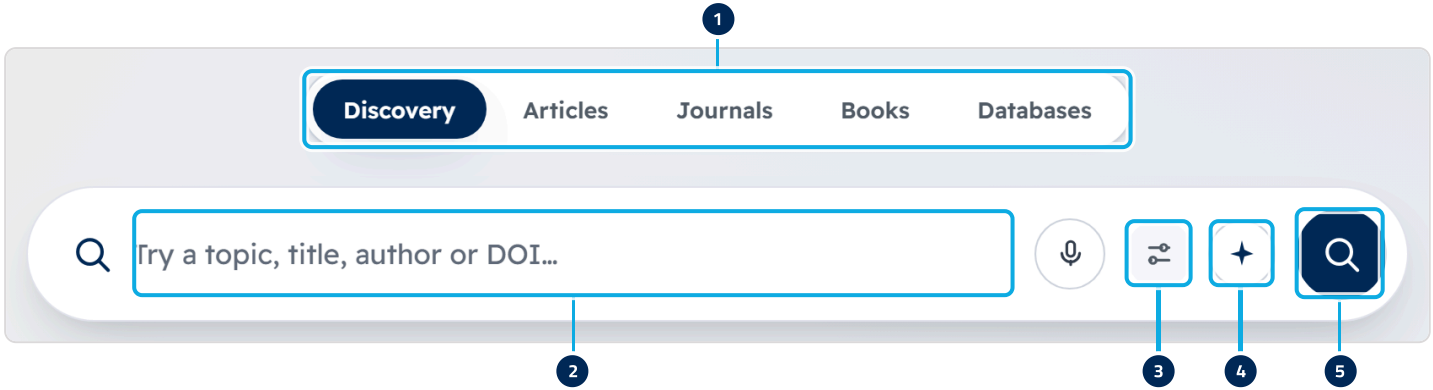
9 Export
RIS, BibTeX or a ready bibliography.

10 Add a note
Keep a remark with any saved item.

11 Your library card
QR and barcode for the self-checkout scanner. **Download card** keeps a copy on your phone.

03 Searching

One search covers articles, book chapters, e-books, e-journals, databases and the library catalogue.



1 Choose a scope
Discovery, Articles, Journals, Books or Databases.

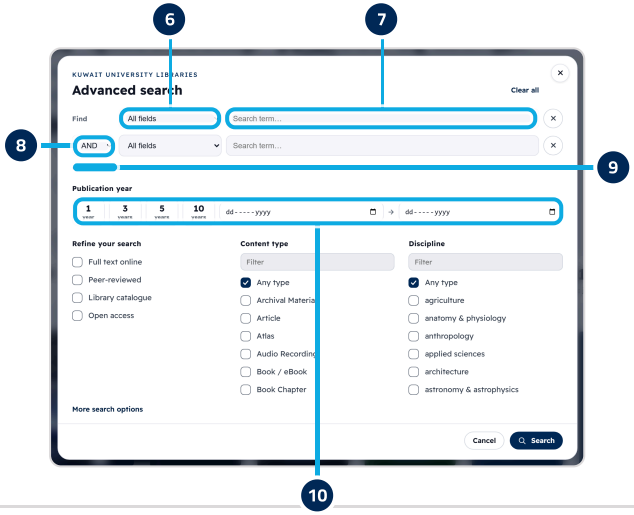
2 Type your search
Keywords, a title, an author or a DOI.

3 Advanced
Search by field and combine fields (below).

4 Research Assistant
Ask a question in plain language. Answers link to sources the library holds.

5 Search
Select the button or press Enter.

Advanced search



6 Choose a field
All fields, Title, Author, Subject, Publication, ISBN or ISSN.

7 Enter the term

8 Combine with AND, OR, NOT
Each extra row joins the one above.

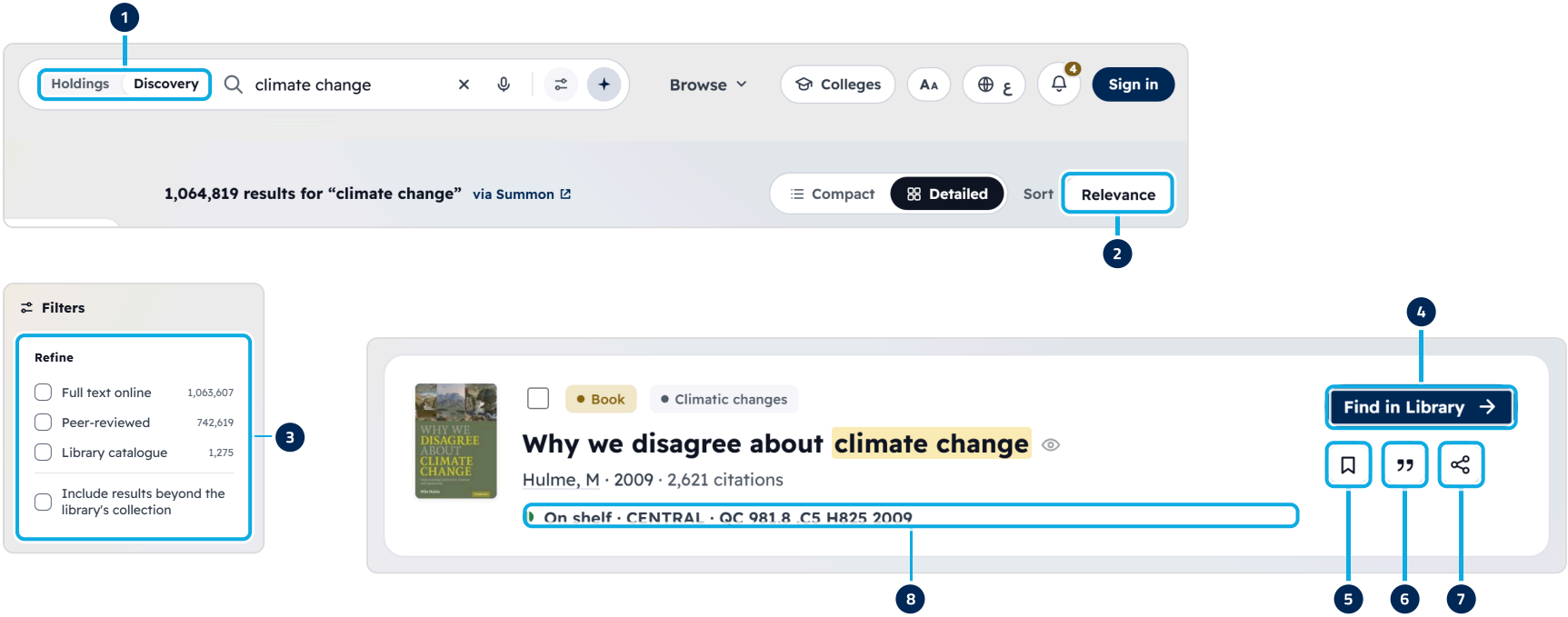
9 Add a field
As many rows as you need.

10 Publication year
Last 1, 3, 5 or 10 years, or a date range.

Further down: full text, peer-reviewed, content type and discipline. Then select **Search**.

04 Working with results

Results are ranked by relevance. Narrow them with filters, then go straight to the full text.



1 Change scope

Discovery, Articles, Journals, Books or Databases.

2 Sort

By relevance, newest or title.

3 Refine

Full text online, peer-reviewed or library catalogue. More filters below: type, subject, year, college, language.

4 View Online

Opens the full text online. Print items show **Find in Library** with the shelf location.

5 Save

Adds the item to your Saved items.

6 Cite

Ready-made citations (chapter 05).

7 Share

Send the record to colleagues.

8 Availability

Available online, or *On shelf* with library and call number.

05 Cite, save & share

Select **Cite** on any result for a formatted reference in seconds.



1 **Copy a style**
APA 7, MLA 9, Chicago or Harvard. Select **Copy** and paste into your document.

2 **Download RIS**
For Zotero, Mendeley and EndNote.

3 **Download BibTeX**
For LaTeX.

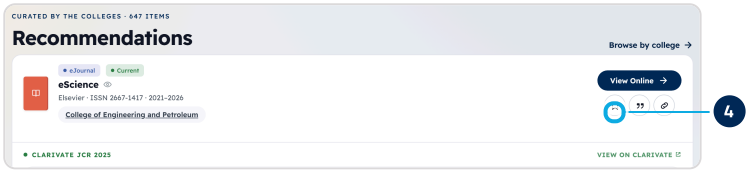
NOTE Citations are generated from the record's metadata. Check them against the original source before you submit.

Saved, shared and recommended — once signed in

Saved items
Everything you **Save**. Under your initial in the header.

Shared content
Records shared with your college, with who and when. Under **Content**.

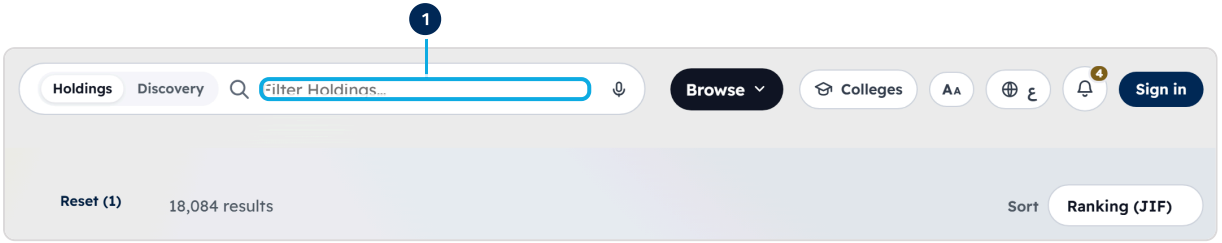
Recommendations
Reading picked by the colleges. Under **Content**.

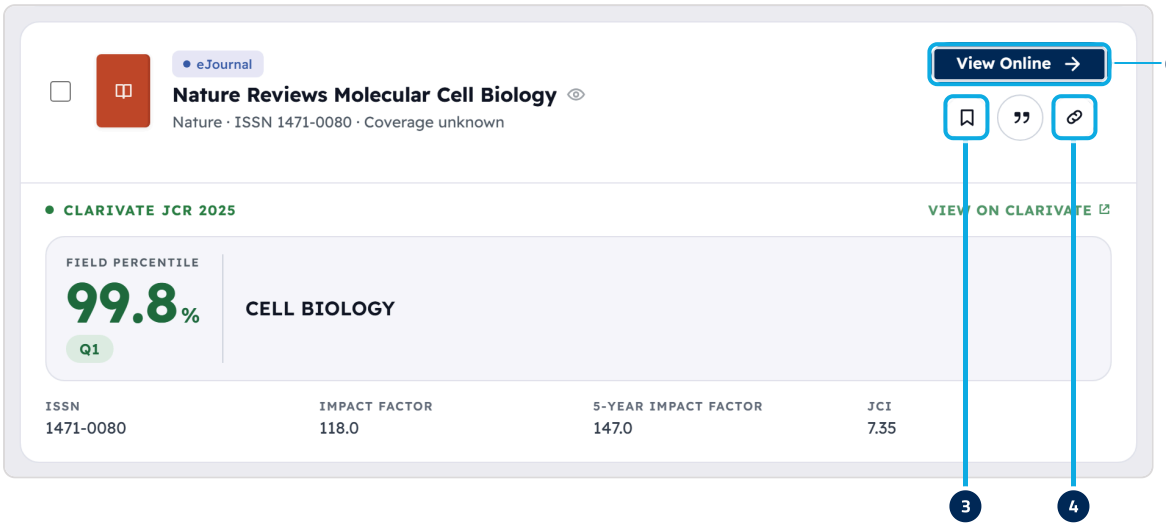


4 **Save a recommendation**
Select **Save** on any item to keep it in your Saved items.

06 A–Z titles

Every e-journal and e-book the library provides, in English and Arabic. Open **Browse › Holdings**, **Journals** or **Books**.





1 Filter the list
Type a title, ISSN or ISBN.

> **TIP** Filters on the left narrow by format, subject, college, publisher, language and year. Tick **Current subscriptions** for titles the library subscribes to today.

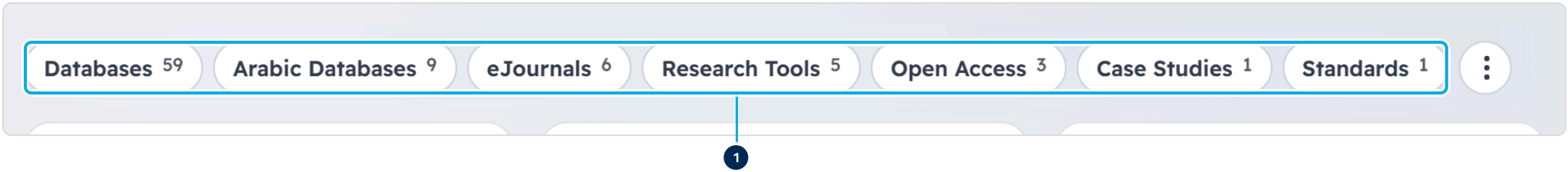
2 View Online
Opens the title on the provider's site.

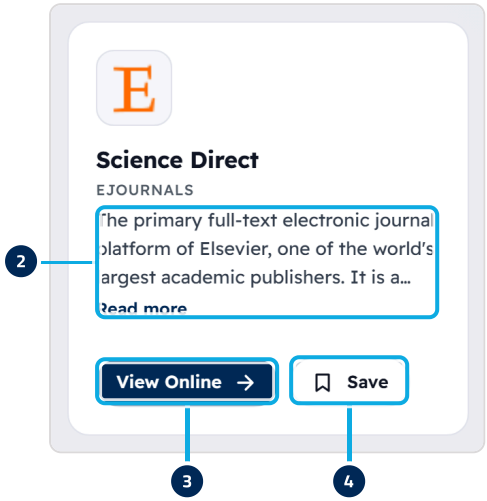
3 Save
Keeps it in your Saved items.

4 Copy link
A stable link for reading lists and course pages.

07 Databases & subjects

All subscribed research platforms in one place. Open **Browse › Databases**.





1 Choose a category
Databases, Arabic Databases, Research Tools, eJournals, Open Access, eBooks, Case Studies.

2 Read more
What the database covers.

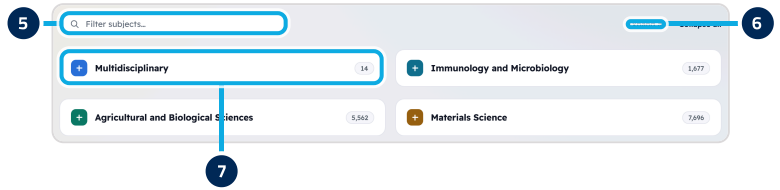
3 View Online
Opens the platform with KU access. No separate account needed.

4 Save
Keep the databases you use most.

TIP Filter by publisher on the left — EBSCO, ProQuest, Elsevier, Dar Al Mandumah. Research tools such as Scopus, Web of Science and JCR are listed here too.

Browse by subject

The collection follows the Scopus subject scheme. Open **Subjects**.



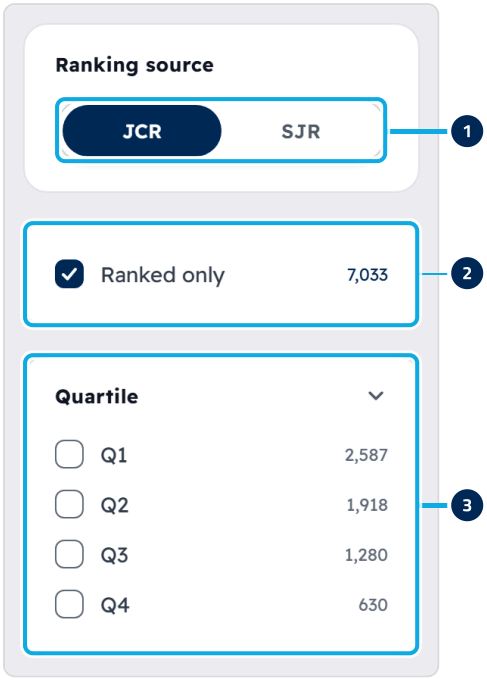
5 Filter subjects
Type part of a subject name.

6 Expand or collapse all
Show every subject category at once.

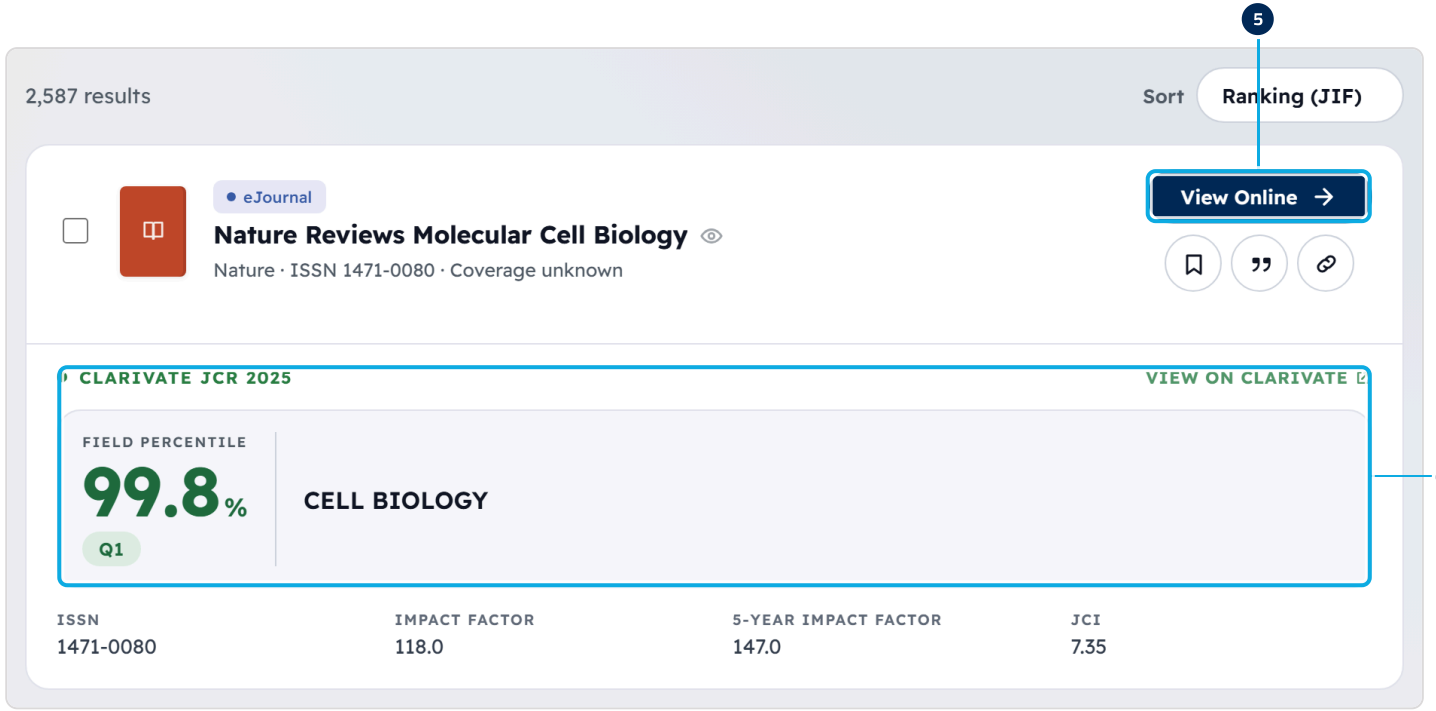
7 Open a subject
Select **+** to see its categories, then pick one to list its titles.

08 Journal rankings

Rankings are part of the Journals list: every ranked journal shows its **JCR** (Web of Science) or **SJR** (Scopus) panel. Open **Browse › Journals** and use the ranking filters on the left.



Ranking filters in the Filters panel.



A ranked journal with its JCR panel.

1 Ranking source
Switch between **JCR** and **SJR**.

2 Ranked only
Hide journals without a ranking.

3 Quartile
Q1 to Q4. Q1 is the top quarter of its field.

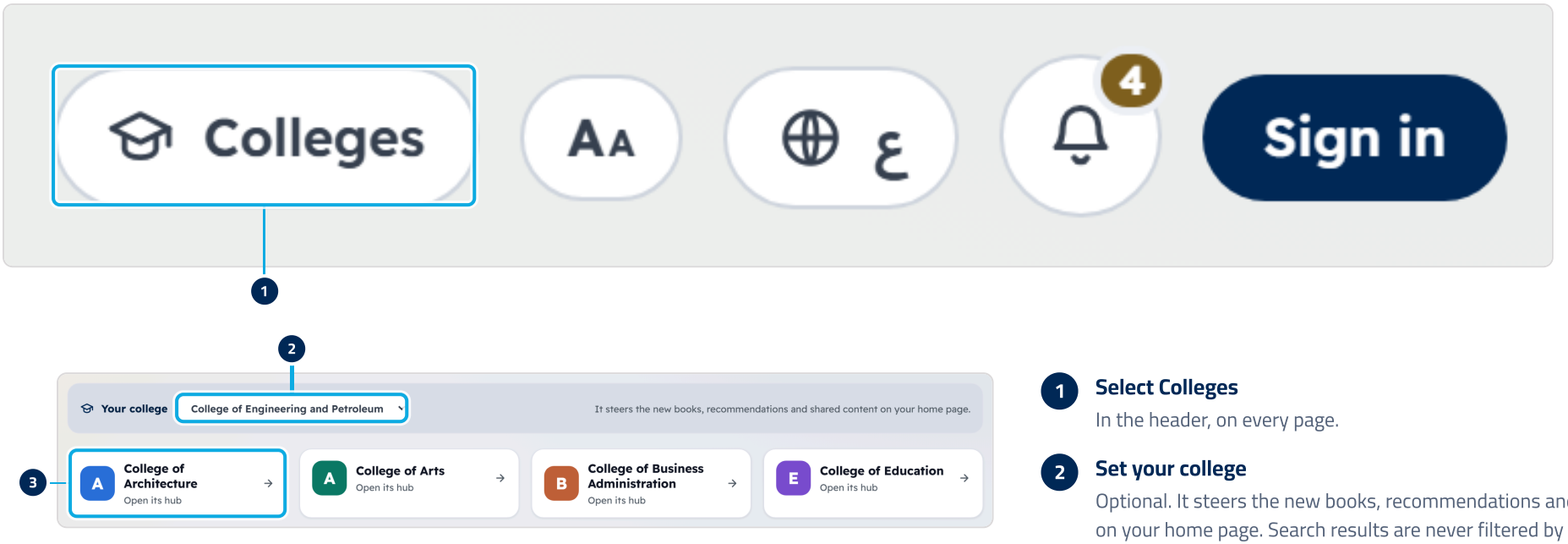
4 Read the ranking
Field percentile, quartile and category, with Impact Factor, 5-year IF and JCI.

5 View Online
Opens the journal with KU access.

TIP **Choosing where to publish?** Filter by subject, tick Q1 and sort by ranking to shortlist the leading journals you can read today.

09 Colleges

Every college has its own library hub: curated databases, journals, new books and recommended reading. **Colleges** in the header is always the way in.



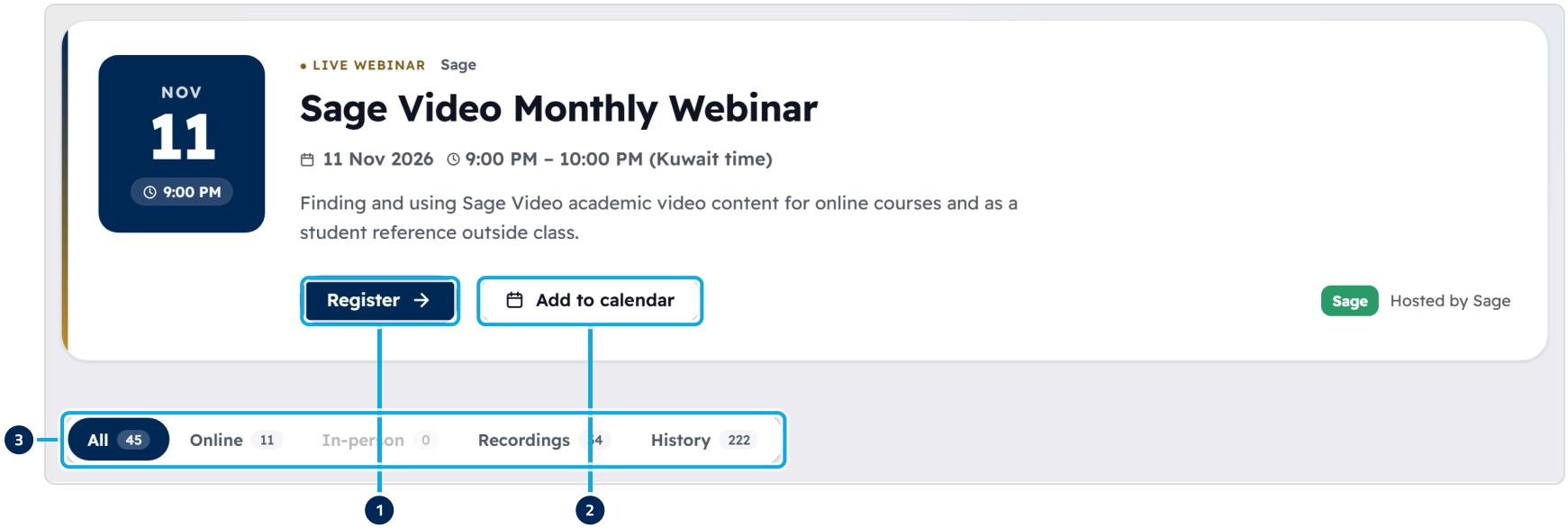
The Colleges page.

1. **Select Colleges**
   In the header, on every page.
2. **Set your college**
   Optional. It steers the new books, recommendations and shared content on your home page. Search results are never filtered by it.
3. **Open a hub**
   Select any college card to see its databases, journals, new books and recommended reading.

TIP In A–Z titles, journals and databases you can also filter by college when you want only one college's resources.

10 Trainings & webinars

Live sessions and recordings from leading publishers on research, publishing, databases and discovery tools. Open **Training** in the main menu.



1 Register
Opens the publisher's registration page for a live session.

2 Add to calendar
Saves the date to your own calendar.

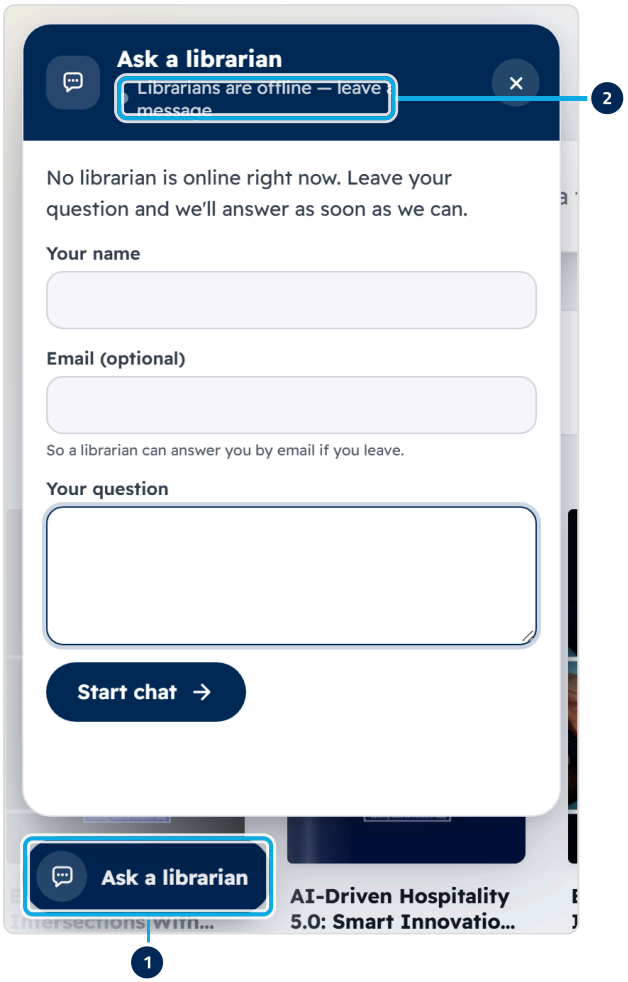
3 Choose a view
All, Online, In-person, Recordings or History.

TIP Filter by publisher or category, or search sessions by keyword. Missed a live webinar? Look under **Recordings**.

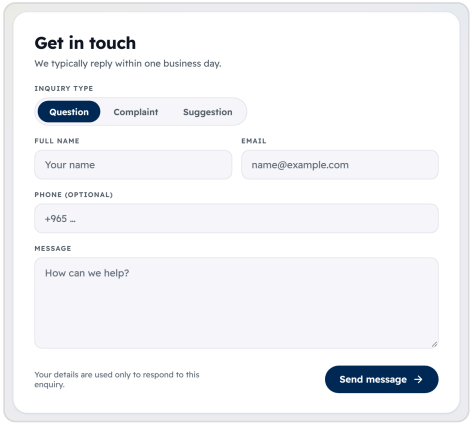
11 Services & help

Questions about access, databases, training or your account? Chat with a librarian, or use the contact form linked at the bottom of every page.

Ask a librarian



1. **Select Ask a librarian**
   Bottom right of every page.
2. **Chat during working hours**
   A librarian answers live. Outside working hours, leave a message and the team will get back to you.
3. **Arabic or English**
   The chat follows the portal language.



The contact form.

Contact form

Choose Question, Complaint or Suggestion and send your message. Replies usually within one business day.

Branch libraries

Direct email and phone lines for each branch library are listed on the Contact page.

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