HOW CAN I FIND PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES?

1. First, pick a database that matches your subject and is likely to cover your subject in depth. Start with Academic Search Premier or pick a database or two from one of the subjects in the list of Databases by Subject. (Skip ones like Newspaper Source Plus or Health Source: Consumer Edition)

2. Second, do your search as you would for any subject: by keyword or subject or author, etc.

3. Third, limit (or narrow) your results. Some of the databases make this very easy by giving you a box to click, like in these examples:

If this option isn’t available, select Academic from the Source Types menu, like this:

Academic journals often publish peer-reviewed articles.

Now for a small complication: only some of the articles in any peer-reviewed journal are peer-reviewed! Hint: Ignore news items, editorials, and letters to the editor. Which leads to the next question: How can I be sure that I chose a peer-reviewed article? We will discuss this in the next issue.