



## Journal Citation Reports

### About JCR

Journal Citation Reports is based on data in the Web of Science citation indexes. It tries to measure the impact of specific journals and rank them in subject categories for science and social science subjects. It can be useful when deciding which journal to publish in although as more material is made open access there is a growing feeling that the impact factor could decline in importance. If you are interested in how the Journal Impact Factor is calculated there is information at <http://wokinfo.com/essays/impact-factor/>.

### How to Access JCR

Go to <http://wok.mimas.ac.uk> and click the orange button to enter Web of Science.

You will see Journal Citation Reports at the very top of the screen.



### Viewing journals in a subject area

- Select a JCR year (this is usually 2 years behind the current date due to the time taken to calculate JCR).
- Select SCI if you are interested in science journals and SSCI for social science journals.
- Click Select category and choose the subject you are interested in.
- Click Submit towards the bottom of the screen. You should see a list of journals in that area ranked by impact factor. You can change the sort option by clicking on the column title, so if you click on Full journal title you will get an alphabetical list instead of a ranked one.

### Information on a specific journal

- Use the Master search to search for a specific journal. This will show you how the journal impact factor has changed over time.

### Further Information

A more detailed guide can be found at: <http://wokinfo.com/media/pdf/qrc/jcrqrc.pdf>