

Economics Resources-Graduate Students

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Of General Utility

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- [Electronic Journals A to Z list](#) - browsable list of online journals available at Rutgers
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 - Not all government documents are cataloged, so check with a reference librarian at Alexander before concluding that Rutgers does not own an item.
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Reference Material:

- [Handbooks in Economics](#) - overviews of the state of the art in economic sub-disciplines written by leading economists. Search "Handbooks in Economics" in IRIS.
- [International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) for a quick and scholarly overview of a wide range of topics.

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- [EconLit](#) is the primary index to scholarly literature in economics, produced by the [American Economic Association](#). You can search by author, journal name, JEL classification, keywords, etc.
 - For review articles that summarize the literature in a field, search for "Review article" and your topic. Or look for articles in the [Journal of Economic Literature](#) or [Journal of Economic Perspectives](#).
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- [Web of Science](#) can be used to find who has cited your favorite authors and track trends in the literature.
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- [SSRN](#) the Social Science Research Network, a popular current awareness service for new papers.
- [IDEAS](#) is one of the largest collections of information on working papers.
- [NBER](#) from the National Bureau of Economic Research – prestigious US working papers series.
- [CEPR](#) Discussion Papers from the UK Centre for Economic Policy Research – top European papers.
 - Monitor activity of researchers with similar interests via their homepages.

Data:

- [ICPSR](#) – largest archive of social science datasets – must register to download
- [Global Financial Data](#) is a collection of international historical statistics on financial markets.
- The World Bank's [World Development Indicators](#) and the IMF's [International Financial Statistics](#) are major statistical sources.
- [UNStats](#), [SourceOECD](#), [Census](#), [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), [Federal Reserve](#), and other agencies are often rich sources of data.
- [LexisNexis Statistical](#) can be used to find additional statistical sources.
- Specialized databases such as **COMPUSTAT** (corporate financials), **CRSP** (stock prices), **Datastream** (many economic and financial series), and more are available. Please consult with me if you are interested.
- [Economics Research Guide](#) - use the [Indexes](#) page to search data collections, or browse sites with data on the [Data and Text Resources](#) page.
- [RUL Government Information](#) website has useful links.
- [The Scholarly Communication Center](#) hosts several online databases, including an index to CD-ROMs at Alexander. The SCC Data Center is home to important economic data CD-ROMs and has computers with statistical and GIS software.
 - Journal articles on your topic will often lead you to datasets you can use.

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