Academic Writer

This tip sheet has been compiled to assist students in using Academic Writer to assist them with referencing using the APA style of referencing.

This guide will focus on the learning section of the database (LEARN). For assistance with other sections and advanced features please speak to your Subject Librarian.

For more help with referencing, including printable guides and more, see the Referencing Library Guide: http://ecu.au.libguides.com/referencing

What is Academic Writer?

Academic Writer is an authoritative source on APA referencing. It contains useful tools for helping you understand how to reference in your academic work. There are video Quick Guides, tutorials, self-quizzes, as well as sample references, tables and figures.

You can browse or use the search features to find particular reference types, and you can even access the full text of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association – the basis for the APA 6th referencing style.

Using Academic Writer

You can access Academic Writer in the Referencing Library Guide via the library homepage, Referencing link.

Select the Referencing link to access Academic Writer
This is the Academic Writer homepage. To learn about APA Referencing, select LEARN.

You will be taken to the Learning Centre. Here you can go directly to video quick guides, tutorials, self-quizzes or samples and browse the different reference types. Alternatively you can search the Learning Centre for a particular type of reference by using the search box on the top right hand side.

The following example shows a search for a journal article reference.
As the default search result is to show the video Quick Guides section first, sometimes it may not appear that you have found any results. Be sure to look across the top of the screen to check if there are other types of results for your search.

The example below shows a search for *photograph*. There is no video quick guide, but there are sample references and figures for this reference type.

When you find an example you wish to keep track of, you have the option of saving it to your favourites.

Simply click **Add to Favorites** next to the example and you will be prompted to set up an Academic Writer Account. [This does not use your standard ECU Login]. When you next need the reference, sign in to Academic Writer and your favourites will be there.