

## MetaQuest Tips no. 1: ACCESS

### Library database access at ECU

The library now has a single database management tool called MetaQuest. When selecting a database it offers a number of different pathways to choose from.

#### Search for a title of the database:

- in the library catalogue
- using the 'databases by title option' below the Find journal articles(databases) search

#### Search for a list of databases on a subject

- choose from the 'databases by subject option' below the Find journal articles(databases) search then-
  - choose your broad subject from the listing in the left hand box
  - then select from the more specific subject listing which appears in the right hand box and click **GO: found across to the right.**
  - select a database by clicking on the title and do your search in the native interface or
  - select MetaSearch to perform as cross search
- select the databases listing from your faculty resources web page located under information for students or staff <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/faculty/index.html> and choose
  - a title to search individually and click on it to take you to the database's native interface or
  - a MetaSearch (cross searching a number of selected databases) from the top of the listing

#### Search across multiple databases – a federated search

##### A quick search

- Enter a search term or string and select a broad subject area from the drop down menu and click search. If you don't select a broad subject area, you will be required to log in and then select an area.
- To see a list of databases listed in your quickset subject, select the subject area; don't enter a search and then click the search icon to take you to a login and then a page with the broad subjects listed. Click on the area of interest and a list of database titles in that set will be provided.

##### A MetaSearch – cross searching a number of databases

- Select the databases by subject option to access MetaQuest and then the MetaSearch option from the very top tool bar or from the top of the subject listing.
- Select your subject from the side menu provided: choose 'subject listings'; then a subject and click in the boxes against the databases you wish to search in and perform the search.

 use this button to get **information about a database**

 use the plus button to **select a database for a My Database list**