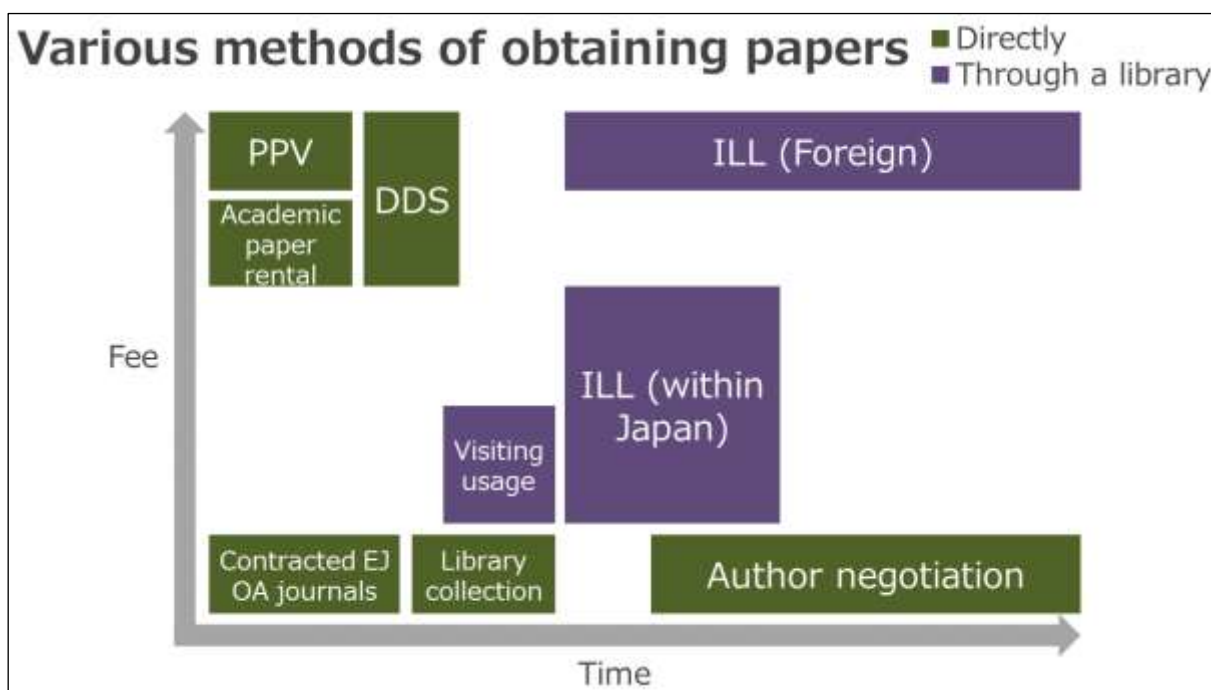


How to obtain academic papers

1 Various methods of obtaining papers

In addition to using e-journals, there are also other various ways to obtain academic papers. There are methods in which the user arranges delivery themselves, and those in which the library can serve as an intermediary. Also, the time to obtain the paper and the expenses involved are different for each option.



2 How to search efficiently

When obtaining an academic paper, searching in the following order is efficient and inexpensive.

- (1) Use a University contracted e-journal (Contracted EJ)
- (2) Obtain an Open Access academic paper (OA journals)
- (3) Use the library printed matter collection (Library collection)
- (4) Order a copy from another university, etc. (ILL)
- (5) View the collection of another institution (Visiting usage)
- (6) Purchase an e-journal yourself (PPV, Academic paper rental, DDS)
- (7) Negotiate with the author (Author negotiation)

(1) Use a University contracted e-journal (Contracted EJ)

Using [Publication Finder](#), you can search for e-journals with which the University shares a subscription contract (contracted EJ). The search is conducted with the journal name or ISSN (an eight-digit number assigned to most academic journals).

Also, directly contracted e-journals can often be accessed using a link resolver (a tool in which

links to e-journals, OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog), and ILL requests are unified) from the results of searches on publication search databases ([Web of Science](#), [JDreamIII](#) (in Japanese only), [CAS SciFinder](#), etc.).

(2) Obtain an Open Access academic paper (OA journals)

An Open Access (OA) academic paper is an academic paper that anyone can view free of charge on the internet. There are entire OA journals which allow viewing of the whole journal free of charge, and academic papers that are in OA format individually.

Methods to search for OA academic papers are presented below, but no one single method is completely comprehensive, so we suggest using multiple search methods.

- [Google Scholar](#)

This allows more exact searching for academic papers than the Google search engine. If you search from the network in the school, you can also find some contracted EJ in addition to OA academic papers.

However, search results are not necessarily always the version of records (VoR, final, published form of an academic paper), and could return hits for preprint versions, etc, so you must be careful with this method.

- [CiNii Research](#)

This is a publication search database that contains various publication information, research data, etc. publicly released by Japanese research institutions.

If you check the “Has link to main text” option in “Articles” advanced search, you can limit your search results to links to academic paper data only.


- [Web of Science](#)

This is one of the publication search databases mentioned above, but you can choose to display OA academic papers only by refining the search results.

(3) Use the library printed matter collection (Library collection)

Using the [TUAT Library OPAC](#), you can search for printed (paper format) journals collected by the University. For more information, refer to “2.3 Searching for Journals via TUAT OPAC” in the [Library Usage Guide](#) (in Japanese only).

Issue numbers for journals are listed collectively, so you must be careful in being aware of

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Location	Volumes	Year	
Fuchu Library	9-12,13(2-12),14-23,24(1-2,5-6,8-12),25-52,53(1-2)+	1981-2025	

which issues are not available. In the following example, issues 3 to 4 and 7 in volume 24 are not listed.

Also, you can order copies of academic papers between campuses. (ILL)

(4) Order a copy from another university, etc. (ILL)

There is the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) publication duplication services for ordering copies of academic papers from other campuses and other universities. This service allows the obtaining of publications for comparatively inexpensive prices.

The general estimate for the fee is 20 to 60 yen per 1 black and white copy, 40 to 150 yen per 1 color copy, and the price of delivery (free of charge between campuses). For payment, you can choose between private payment, in which you pay yourself, or public payment, in which the fee is paid from your academic adviser's budget (which requires prior registration).

For more information, see [Interlibrary Loan](#) on the library website.

(5) View the collection of another institution (Visiting usage)

If you are nearby, you can directly visit another institution and view and copy the necessary journals.

Usage conditions are different for each institution, so make sure to check the institution's website, etc., before you visit. If a letter of introduction from the University is required, request one at the library counter at least several days before your planned visit day.

Additionally, libraries in western Tokyo area national universities (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo Gakugei University, The University of Electro-Communications, and Hitotsubashi University) are useable upon showing your TUAT student card.

The collections of other institutions can be searched transversally through the following websites in addition to the OPAC of this library.

- [CiNii Books](#)

Users can transversally search most of the collections of libraries in Japan. The advanced search feature lets users select the region as well, so it is possible to restrict results to nearby universities only.

Additionally, the University links data with the [CiNii Research](#) option mentioned above, and we plan to integrate in the second half of the 2025 academic year.

- [NDL SEARCH](#)

This service lets users search the collection of the National Diet Library (which exhaustively collects domestically published material through the Legal Deposit System) and a collection that surpasses the collections of libraries in nationwide cities designated by ordinance.

- [Calil](#) (in Japanese only)

Users can transversally search the publication collections of over 7,400 domestic libraries,

including both university and public libraries.

(6) Purchase an e-journal yourself (PPV, Academic paper rental, DDS)

This service allows users to purchase academic papers with their own credit cards. The fees are not inexpensive, and the user must pay out of pocket, but it does allow immediate reading of academic papers.

- **Pay Per View (PPV)**

Purchase (download) single academic paper. The fees differ for each publisher, but in general are approximately 20 to 50 dollars for one academic paper.

- **Academic paper rental**

This is a service that limits the viewing time, but allows reading of academic papers at fees that are less expensive than PPV. In addition to academic papers provided by journal publishers, there are also specialist services such as [DeepDyve](#).

- **Document Delivery Service (DDS)**

You can also use a DDS service that handles obtaining publications, such as [Article Galaxy](#) and [ARROW](#)(in Japanese only).

(7) Negotiate with the author (Author negotiation)

If an academic paper lists the affiliation or contact information of the author(s), you can directly contact the author and ask about obtaining the academic paper.

3 Publication search methods orientations

The library generally holds a publication search methods orientation every spring and autumn. We provide easy-to-understand explanations aimed at individuals recently assigned to a laboratory, covering not only the methods of obtaining academic papers introduced here, but also how to use publication search databases, e-journal usage methods, cautionary points, etc.

When the orientation time draws near, we will announce it in the various information dissemination sources, so make sure to come participate. Also, past materials are also displayed on the [Guidance/Workshop](#) of the library website.

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