EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) provides you with an easy, yet powerful means of accessing all of your school library’s information resources through a single search. With EDS, you can quickly find reliable books and articles to help you complete research projects and other classroom assignments. In addition, since many academic institutions around the world use library research tools like EDS, you’ll be prepared to excel with projects and research in the college and university environment. This guide will help you get started with EDS.

**Basic Search**
The Basic Search Screen lets you create just that — a basic search.

1. Enter your search terms in the search box. The Autocomplete feature will offer you a list of popular terms and publications to choose from, even if you misspell something.
   
   Note: You may restrict your results to a **Title** search or an **Author** search using the menu beside the search box. (Keyword is the default.)

2. Click the **Search** button. The Result List displays.

3. If a **Research Starter** is available, it will appear at the top of your search results list. Research Starters provide valuable background information on a topic that will help you to begin your research.
4. Use the Limit To options to narrow your search, or refine your search using the facets on the left to select Source Type, Publication or Subject, among other filters.

5. Click on a search result to view the article details screen, or click the full-text link to view the complete article. Hover your cursor over the preview icon to view article details, or click the folder icon to save the article to your personal folder.

Advanced Search
EDS also lets you conduct advanced searches using guided fields. These guided fields assist you in creating a more targeted search.

1. Click the Advanced Search link below the search box.
2. Enter your search terms in the first field on the Advanced Search screen.
3. Choose the search field from the optional Select a Field drop-down list (for example, search in only the Subject Terms field of the citation).

4. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for any additional fields you wish to include.
5. Select AND, OR or NOT to combine entries. (Your librarian may call these “Boolean operators.”)
6. If you need additional rows, click the (+) link (if available).
7. Click the Search button. The Result List displays.

Other Helpful Resources
The EBSCO Support Site offers a number of FAQs to help you use EDS.

- Viewing Results
- Using Facets
- Reading an Article
- Using Text-to-Speech
- Using the My EBSCOhost Folder
- Notetaking
- Citing Articles
- EBSCO Searching Tips User Guide