

PUBLISHER LICENSING

AND GEN AI – A GUIDE FOR USERS

What you need to know

Some publisher/database subscription agreements include clauses that allow for limited use of their content with genAI tools for the purposes of non-commercial research and academic teaching. To confirm whether (and what) use/s will be allowed with genAI, please check the licence information in the records in Library Search, as shown below and on the following page.

Do not assume that all publishers or databases/platforms will allow for use of their materials with genAI tools. Direct publisher platforms will most likely be the best options around potential use with genAI, but distinctions may be made between ejournal and ebook content. Aggregator platforms like ProQuest, EBSCO, and OVID are unlikely to provide options for use of content with genAI as they will generally have limited rights to the materials they host.

Option 1: Accessing licensing information via the journal title

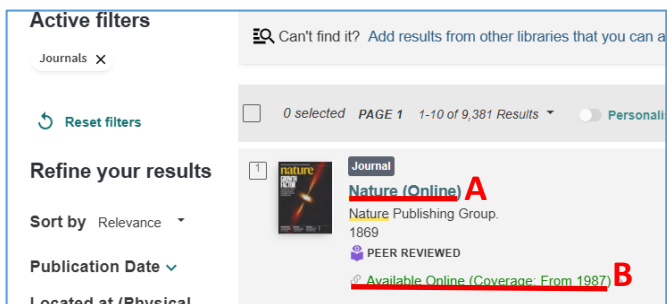
Step 1



Go to the **Library Search** section of the [Library homepage](#) and select the **Journals** tab to limit the search results.

Enter the title of the journal and click the search icon on the right.

Step 2

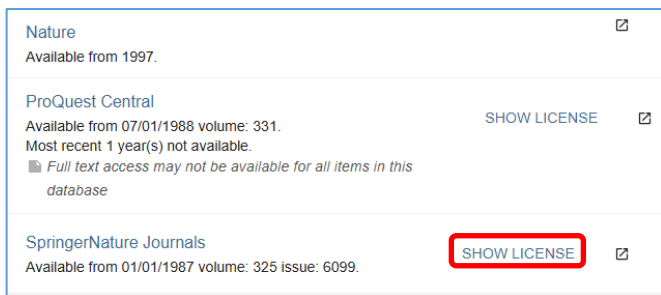


Locate the correct journal title in the results listing.

To access the licensing information for the Library's access to the journal, click on either:

- (A) the blue **journal title** link, or
- (B) the green **Available Online ...** link.

Step 3

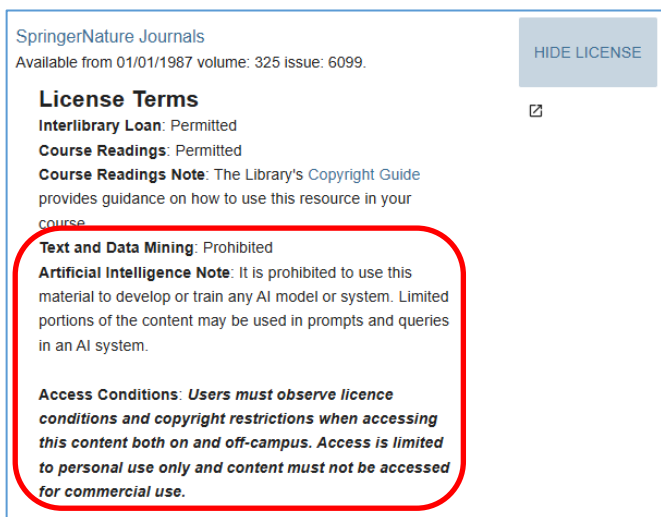


The access options for the journal will be listed. Each database / platform will have different licensing terms.

Try the direct publisher databases first (where available) as these may provide more generous use options. It's fine to try multiple options to locate suitable licensing.

SpringerNature Journals is the publisher in this case – click **Show License**.

Step 4



The licensing information for the selected database / platform will then display.

The **Artificial Intelligence Note** provides a brief summary of the allowed usage conditions for content with genAI tools.

Please note: This section is not exhaustive. You may need to also check the **Access Conditions** for broader conditions of use.

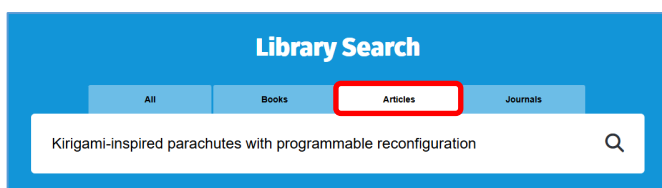
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Option 2: Accessing licensing information via the article title

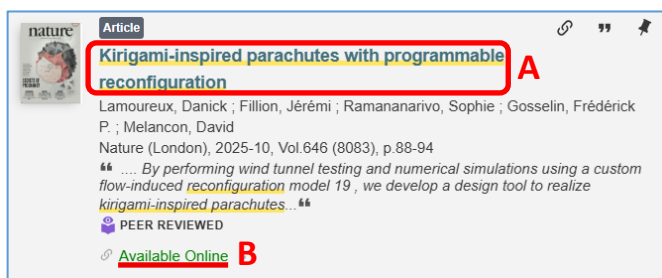
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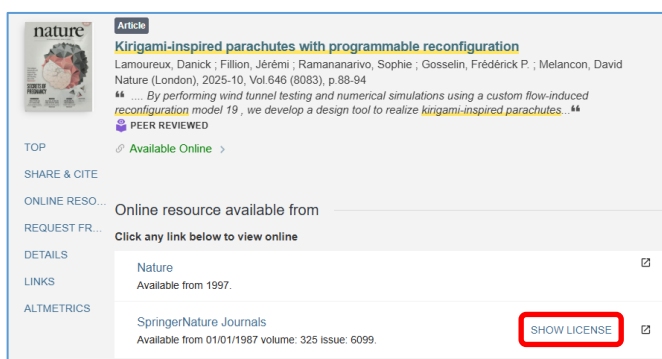
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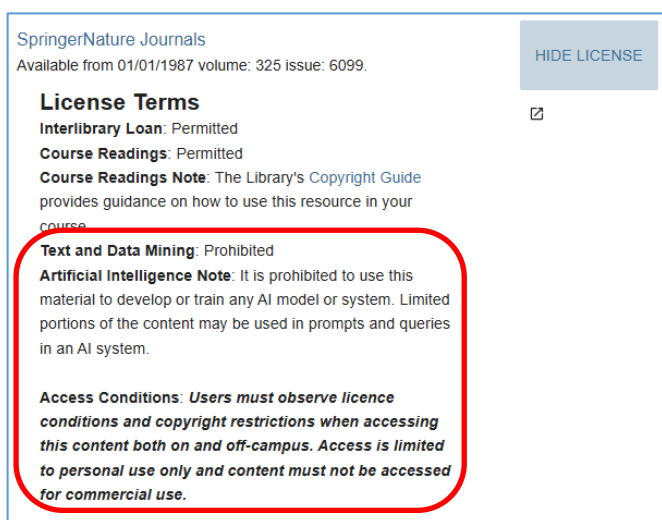


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Support

More information around the ethical use of genAI tools can be found on the University's [Generative AI Tools Guide](#) and the [Copyright for Generative AI page](#) on the Library website.

Have a question around use of copyright materials with genAI for a course or project? Reach out to the University's Copyright Advisor via the options below.

Copyright Support

Ask a question: newcastle.edu.au/copyright-request

Phone: (02) 492 16456

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