

Setting up Google Scholar and Calculating Your H-index

Google Scholar Citations <http://scholar.google.ca/intl/en/scholar/citations.html> provides a simple way for authors to keep track of citations to their articles. You can check who is citing your publications, graph citations over time, and compute several citation metrics, including the h-index. You can also make your profile public, so that it may appear in Google Scholar results when people search for your name...and add a picture if you like.

It is quick to set up and simple to maintain - even if you have written hundreds of articles, and even if your name is shared by several different scholars. You can add groups of related articles, not just one article at a time; and your citation metrics are computed and updated automatically as Google Scholar finds new citations to your work on the web. You can choose to have your list of articles updated automatically or review the updates yourself, or to manually update your articles at any time.

How to set yourself up on Google Scholar Citations:

The complete set-up details, along with a FAQ, can be found here

<http://scholar.google.ca/intl/en/scholar/citations.html#setup>. The basic set-up entails the following:

1. Sign up for a Google Scholar Citations profile. It's quick and free! To do so, sign to your **Google account, or create one if you don't yet have one**. We recommend that you use a personal account, not an account at your employer, so that you can keep your profile for as long as you wish.
2. Once you've signed in to your Google account, the Citations sign up form will ask you to confirm the spelling of your name, and to enter your affiliation, interests, etc. We recommend that you also enter your university email address which would make your profile eligible for inclusion in Google Scholar search results.
3. On the next page, you'll see groups of articles written by people with names similar to yours. Click "Add all articles" next to each article group that is yours, or "See all articles" to add specific articles from that group. If you don't see your articles in these groups, click "Search articles" to do a regular Google Scholar search, and then add your articles one at a time. Feel free to do as many searches as you like.
4. Once you're done with adding articles, it will ask you what to do when the article data changes in Google Scholar. You can either have the updates applied to your profile automatically, or you can choose to review them beforehand. In either case, you can always go to your profile and make changes by hand.
5. Finally, you will see your profile. This is a good time to add a few finishing touches - upload your professional looking photo, visit your university email inbox and click on the verification link, double check the list of articles, and, once you're completely satisfied, make your profile public. *Voila* - it's now eligible to appear in Google Scholar when someone searches for your name!

Once your profile is set up your h-index and other metrics will appear.