

TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED ON YOUR RESEARCH*

A. Describe your topic in a brief sentence or two:

Example – the development of China's air defense system and how it relates to U.S. National security

B. Break your main topic idea into keywords you can use in performing multiple searches

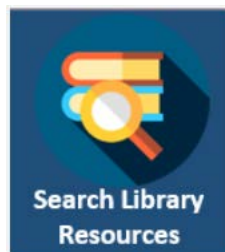
(Also: list synonymous terms for military topics/programs and spell out military acronyms)

Example – China AND air AND defense

Example - China AND diplomacy AND "United States"

C. Explore AUL's web site: <http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/MSFRIC>

- Search AUL Collections using your keyword combinations** for print and online books, student papers, articles, government documents, etc.



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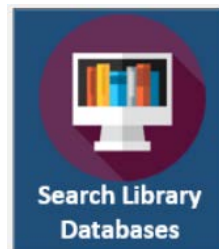
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Search Scope:

http://mafb-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?mode=Advanced&vid=MAFB

- Browse our Individual Databases** listed by subject to find additional sources not indexed in AUL Collections. This includes articles, eBooks, statistics, reports, etc. Our most popular starting points are **Google Scholar**, **Ebscohost**, **ProQuest**, **JSTOR**, and **AULIMP**! Online video help is available for most databases.

<http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/databases>



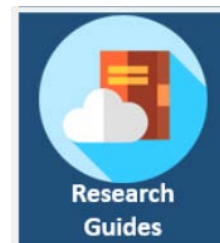
Databases by Subject
A-Z Listing
Free Databases

General Databases

- EbscoHost - (Academic Search Premier) -- Tutorial
- Dissertations (Proquest's PQDT) -- Tutorial
- EBSCO E-books -- Tutorial
- ERIC -- Tutorial
- OCLC Discovery -- Tutorial
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences -- Tutorial
- Nexis Uni -- Tutorial
- Proquest -- Tutorial
- WorldCat -- Tutorial

- View our **Research Guides** and **Archived Bibliographies**. Explore Air University Research, Books and Documents, Articles, Databases, Websites and Electronic Resources specifically tailored to a topic.

- http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/Subject_Research_Guides
- http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/bibliography_archive



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- Contact Your School Liaison** (http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/Subject_Specialists#s-lib-ctab-1314008-2) online, or phone directly at 334-953-5042.

*Please note: Some resources listed below are available only to Air University students, faculty, and staff. AU affiliated may request access to subscription databases: <http://fairchild-mil.libsurveys.com/databaserequest>.

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4. If you discover a journal or magazine that is not available in full-text, click on one of these links for alternatives to find it in other sources or in print.

<http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/Magazines>



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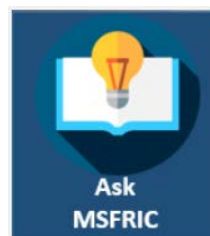
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5. If you still cannot locate the full-text or print version or your resource, you may request the item from another library. Air University students, faculty and staff may create an account and request items:

<https://au-af-mil.illiad.oclc.org/ILLiad/logon.html>



Contact Us

D. If you cannot locate information on your topic with the steps listed above, you can:

1. **Revise your topic sentence** and list broader keywords for searches and redo your search on those keywords. Your topic might be too specific. If you are stuck at this point, contact your school Liaison (http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/Subject_Specialists#s-lib-ctab-1314008-2) electronically or phone directly at 334-953-5042.

2. **Search through every research guide and FAQ** on our site:

<http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/srch.php>

3. Search **additional library databases** that you did not use initially. You may find additional information on Doctrine, International Studies, Laws & Regulations, Aviation & Space, and Military History, that may extend your research:

<http://fairchild-mil.libguides.com/databases>

4. Use **interviews**, telephone calls and briefings by experts or organizations.
5. Visit the **AF Historical Research Agency**, a repository for primary resources about the Air Force. You may find organizational records, after-action reports, unit histories, and more related to your topic: <http://www.afhra.af.mil/>
6. Don't forget to take advantage of other author's research by examining the **bibliographies at the end of each book**, document, article, etc. You can take those sources and search AUL collections for them or if unavailable, request them from another library.