WSU Scholars (SciVal Experts) FAQ

WSU Scholars Introduction:

- **WSU Scholars** is an expertise profiling and research networking tool that makes it easy for researchers, administrators, managers and senior leadership to find experts and enable collaboration within their institution and across organizations. WSU Scholars scans and analyzes every publication in Scopus – the world's largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature and quality web sources. Powered by the Elsevier Fingerprint Engine, WSU Scholars creates Fingerprints of individual researcher’s expertise and exposing connections among authors of areas of mutual interest. Researchers can enter additional data to paint a more comprehensive picture of their distinctive expertise, or administrators can enter data on researchers' behalf. Profiles are automatically updated and manually reviewed by Elsevier on an ongoing basis, ensuring they are precise, comprehensive and up-to-date. Users can access a list of articles an author has produced and view the abstracts within SciVal Experts. Users also have the option to access abstracts in Scopus.

Top Questions

- Who will have access?
  - **Answer:** WSU Scholars is an open tool; everyone will have access. You will be able to identify experts, navigate WSU’s research network and facilitate collaboration.

- What publications does it capture?
  - **Answer:** WSU Scholars scans and analyzes every publication in the Scopus database, the world's largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature (19,500+ peer-reviewed titles from 5,000+ publishers worldwide, and over 4.9 million conference papers), as well as additional content provided by WSU.

- How accurate are the author profiles within WSU Scholars?
  - **Answer:** Profiles are the most accurate in the industry. No method is perfect, but WSU Scholars’ approach, which is a combination of computer matching and manual linking, gives the most precise profiles with the minimum effort on the customer’s part. Elsevier disambiguates author names and manually reviews the profiles, ensuring publications are associated to the correct author and the profiles are reliable, complete and current.

- How often are profiles updated?
  - **Answer:** Profiles are automatically updated once a week and manually reviewed quarterly.

- Does the fingerprint include publications from when a researcher was at another institution?
  - **Answer:** If the publications are in the Scopus database, they will reflect in the researcher’s fingerprint.
• Is this tool intended to be used by the individual faculty members or with assistance by research administration staff?
  ▪ **Answer:** *WSU Scholars* will be accessible to everyone. Introductory training and assistance may be provided. The active involvement by the researcher, however, is essential as it is the researcher who best can navigate the nuances of their research and collaboration needs.

• What are its intended purposes?
  ▪ **Answer:** *WSU Scholars* is intended to find experts and enable collaboration within researchers’ institution and across organizations.

• How do I add more information to enhance my profile?
  ▪ **Answer:** You can go to your *WSU Scholars* profile and click on the “Edit your profile” link. Select “Update my profile with my own information.” You’ll be prompted to log in using your WSU username and password to update your profile. You also have option to provide feedback to SciVal to refine your Scopus publication list.

**Top WSU Scholars (SciVal Experts) Limitations and Strengths:**

**Limitations**

• Social sciences, psychology and economics are modestly represented in the database compared to other fields (e.g., life and health sciences and biological, agricultural and environmental sciences, chemistry, physics, math and engineering).
• Covers many low-impact journals.
• Citation searching from 1996 on only. This may result in less number of citations for the same paper found in Web of Science, for example.

**Strengths**

• The Elsevier Fingerprint of relevant concepts instantly exposes a researcher’s distinctive expertise, based on publication history.
• Rooted in Scopus – the world’s largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature and quality web sources. Covers over 19,500 Journals (incl. 3,500 Arts & Humanities), over 47 million records, 70% with abstracts, many conference proceedings, websites and reports.
• Strong database representation of life and health sciences and biological, agricultural and environmental sciences.
• Advanced citation searching and analysis features.
• Visual semantic index, or Fingerprint, of relevant concepts that instantly exposes a researcher’s distinctive expertise, based on publication history.
• Flexibility. Allows for the incorporation of institutional data and individual researcher tracking and updates for a more comprehensive picture of institutional expertise.