



Alumni access to University of Aberdeen resources

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QG GEN034 [<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/qggen034.pdf>]

1. Access to online resources

As a member of the University of Aberdeen worldwide alumni community, you can access selected online resources and services provided by the University of Aberdeen Library.

If you live in or visit Aberdeen

The **'Walk-in Users'** service which is available from a small number of designated PCs on Floors 1 & 2 of The Sir Duncan Rice Library provides access to many of our full-text and bibliographic databases. The resources are for educational purposes only. For further information see: http://bit.ly/Abdn_Walk_In_Users

If you are not physically in Aberdeen

Graduates can access full-text materials as held in the **JSTOR** and **Project Muse** collections. Books and primary sources supplement JSTOR's digital library of back issues of academic journals. The collection covers many subject areas but is strongest in arts, humanities and life sciences. There is little coverage of engineering and technical disciplines.

Further information is available from the University's Alumni services web page at www.abdn.ac.uk/alumni/benefits-services/jstor-188.php. To access the above resources, you will need to register for an account with the **Alumni Hub** once you have graduated.

Note: Alumni access to resources is via the Alumni Hub for University of Aberdeen graduates, not via Primo.

If you live in Scotland

The [National Library of Scotland](http://www.nls.uk) (NLS) provides access to a wide range of databases and full-text collections. Many are available remotely although some have similar "must be onsite" restrictions as our "Walk-in Users" service. To access databases, register with the NLS at <https://auth.nls.uk/join>

To browse the available databases by subject, see: <https://auth.nls.uk/eresources/browse/subject>

2. RefWorks

As part of our institutional subscription RefWorks permit graduates of the university to continue to use the software, which is useful for those who have invested time in creating a database, or who may be going on to use this software when in another organisation. If the University of Aberdeen were to cancel the subscription to RefWorks, then alumni access would cease.

What you should do before you leave us:

- Make sure that your RefWorks account has your personal email address on record rather than your University email. In RefWorks check the information in your Profile – click on **Update Profile** at the top right of the screen and make changes as required.
- Keep a note of the Group Code on file as this may be essential for access to your account when you are no longer on campus and no longer have a University of Aberdeen computing username and password. You can find the Group Code at www.abdn.ac.uk/library/support/passwords. Make sure you access this before leaving the University.

Once you have left us, you can continue to use www.refworks.com to log in. Your PC will not be recognised as coming from UoA and you may be prompted for the Group Code. Once you have input the Group Code, you will be taken to the normal login page.

Note 1: You may want to update Write-N-Cite (WNC) on your laptop before you leave although you will be able to do this at any time once you have left as you are entitled to access WNC upgrades as part of the alumni package.

Note 2: We are currently using **RefWorks Legacy** version. We will switch from Legacy RefWorks to 'New RefWorks' when the new version has all the features needed to support our users. The new version will result in a substantial change to the interface with major adjustments to the look and operation of the service. There will also be changes to WNC with a new service introduced to replace it.

3. Library membership

University of Aberdeen graduates – all disciplines

University of Aberdeen graduates may wish to apply for an **external membership** with the University of Aberdeen Library. You may also wish to consider applying to your local public library. Charges for membership with the UoA Library are as follows:

Annual membership for Aberdeen graduates	Annual membership for Others
£20 subscription + £30 deposit = £50	£40 subscription + £30 deposit = £70

External readers may borrow up to 10 items at a time, excluding items from the Heavy Demand and DVD collections. For more information on external memberships, see:

http://bit.ly/Abdn_Library_Membership

Note: The deposit is returned when all books have been returned provided there are no outstanding fines.

Medical graduates

Medical graduates working for the NHS Grampian can join the Library and borrow material. To apply for membership, visit the Medical Library with your NHS Grampian ID badge and proof of the length of your contract.

There are 4 dedicated PCs with attached printer for NHS staff use on Floor 1 of the Medical Library. NHS Scotland employees also have access to the 'Knowledge Network', a digital library of electronic databases.

For more information, please contact the Medical Library:

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