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- **ERIC Digests**: overviews of popular research topics in education, often including literature reviews and bibliographies. Great for starting your research!
- **ERIC Citations**: almost 1 million citations from 2000 educational journals back to 1966
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- On the page <http://eric.ed.gov/> click Tutorials in the right column to go to animated video tutorials for specific ERIC search skills
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Where can you search ERIC?

Keep in mind that there are two types of ERIC results, full-text and citation-only. You are far more likely to find full-text results by searching ERIC in the **Cambridge College Online Library** (CCOL) at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/>

In the CCOL, ERIC is included in the “Search here for Education” search box. If there are any full-text results in our other databases, it will bring them up.

For the most thorough ERIC full-text search, use the “Search here for ALL subjects” search box, which will add more full-text databases to your search.

On the regular internet:

- **ERIC Database** is at <http://www.eric.ed.gov/> **but** if you search from this link, **you will not get** hundreds of thousands of full-text journal article results which are only available when you search ERIC from inside our Cambridge College Online Library. However, it is easier to search by ED code number from this site
- **The Educator’s Reference Desk** does not provide scholarly articles, but does provide 2,000+ lesson plans, 3,000+ links to online education information, and 200+ question archive responses. It is at <http://www.eduref.org/>

If the article is not in full-text in CCOL:

- Many scholars now put their articles on their websites, so if it is not in full-text in *EBSCOhost Find it Fast*, use Google Scholar at <http://scholar.google.com/> to search by the author’s name and title. Use quote marks, as in
“Jane Smith” “Improving Reading Ability”
If that doesn’t work, try author’s name only
- If the full-text is not on the regular internet, go to the citation-only result in *EBSCOHost* and click “Find it in Worldcat Check library holdings in your area” which will tell you which local library near you has the print version of the journal which contains the article.
- If the *EBSCOHost* citation-only result does not have the Worldcat link,
 - Go to CCOL HOME page
 - Click Direct to Databases
 - Click Worldcat
 - Search using the title of the journal or book, not the article!

NOTE: Traditional libraries that have complete ERIC microfiche collections, such as Gutman Library at Harvard, will have the pre-1993 ERIC Documents in full-text as well as many 1993+ documents that were not placed online due to copyright issues.

For further information about finding full-text when you get citation-only results, please see the “How to Use CCOL Handbook.”