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The Research Impact Measurement Service at the University of New South Wales Library

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Context

- **Increased emphasis on measuring the impact of research**
 - **Excellence in Research Australia (ERA)**
 - **Research funding bodies**
 - **Academic promotion and performance**

H-Indexes

- **Calculated using both Web of Science & Scopus data at UNSW**
- **Presented as spreadsheet providing:**
 - **Ranked publications with citation counts**
 - **Tabs listing all citing articles**

Research Impact Statements

- **Developed to support the humanities and social sciences**
- **Top 5-10 career best publications**
- **Google Scholar, Google Books, Web of Science and Scopus searched**

Journal Impact Reports

- **Provides**
 - **Impact Factors**
 - **newer measures such as SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)**
 - **ERA journal rank**
- **Assists researchers in publishing for impact**

Issues

- **Are there potential issues in seeking to publish only in “high impact” journals?**
- **Will bibliometrics begin to be more widely accepted in the humanities and social sciences?**
- **How sustainable is this work?**
- **Is it library work?**

Further reading

- Drummond, Robyn and Wartho, Richard. RIMS: The Research Impact Measurement Service at the University of New South Wales. Australian Academic & Research Libraries, Vol. 40, No. 2, June 2009: 76-87.