Benchmarking yourself with Scival

What is Scival?

Scival uses data from Scopus to help analyse research strengths and trends and to benchmark against other research groups, universities etc. Remember that it does have limitations since the data is only from one source.

Accessing Scival

Access is at www.scival.com. You need to register and create a password for yourself. Scival is only available on campus.

Finding your author profile

- Click on the Overview tab
- Select Researchers and Groups
- Click on +Add Researchers and Groups
- Click +Define a new researcher
- Enter your last name, initial and Swansea University and click Search.

You can use the validate publications option to deselect anything which does not belong to you. This will change your data in the Scopus database as well so please do this carefully. You may also find two different entries which relate to you. You can select them both for analysis but you may wish to contact Scopus to have them merged.
- Select your entry
- Click Save and finish
- You will be taken to a page with an overview of your own metrics.
Viewing your author metrics

- Click on Benchmarking at the top of the screen.
- Make sure your name is checked in the left hand menu under researchers and groups.
- Click on the date range near the top of the screen and drag the slide back to 1996 to see all Scival data.
- You can now choose different metrics for the y axis of the graph to display different data.

Benchmarking yourself against other researchers

You can search for other researchers to add to the graph and compare yourself to. Remember to use researchers from a similar discipline as citation patterns vary a great deal. Citation counts will also vary depending on the stage of your career so if you compare yourself to a more experienced researcher don’t be depressed by the result.

- Follow the same stages as for finding your own profile to find a researcher you are interested in.
- Check their name under researchers and groups and they should appear on the same graph, allowing you to compare. You can add several people if you wish.

About Scival metrics

Full details of Scival metrics can be found in the Scival metrics guidebook http://goo.gl/5J0Nd0.

Citations per publication – how many citations has this person’s work received on average.
Field weighted citation impact – how the number of citations compares with the world average for similar publications.

Further Help

Contact iss-research@swansea.ac.uk

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