2.4.2.1 Choose the right database

There are two options for finding an appropriate database:

1. **If you know the name of the database you wish to search:**
   - From the USQ website, click on the link to the Library
   - Choose and click the “journals & databases” tab
   - Use the alphabetical listing to navigate to the database
   - For example:
     - If you are looking for the “Humanities and Social Sciences Collection” database
     - Click on the letter “H”
     - Browse the alphabetical listing of databases starting with H until you locate the database called “Humanities and Social Sciences”
2. If you do not know which databases are appropriate:
   - From the USQ website, click on the link to the Library
   - Choose and click the “journals & databases” tab
- Browse the “View databases by Subject... or Faculty” dropdown menu
- Choose the subject or discipline (for example, “humanities”)

A list of relevant databases and their descriptions is displayed

- Choose a database by clicking on the hypertext link for the database name (for example, I will choose the database “Humanities and Social Sciences Collection”)

Find it ...

[Diagram of database search interface]

- Search for Journals only in the Library catalogue
- View databases by Subject... or Faculty
- Select Subject or Faculty
- Browse the "View databases by Subject... or Faculty" dropdown menu
- Choose the subject or discipline (for example, “humanities”)
- A list of relevant databases and their descriptions is displayed
- Choose a database by clicking on the hypertext link for the database name (for example, I will choose the database “Humanities and Social Sciences Collection”)

[Diagram of database search interface with highlighted categories and options]
• Click on the link “Access this eResource”

Access all Databases

You will be prompted for your UConnect Username and Password if you are not on one of the USQ campuses.

If you have accessed a database, but you are unsure how to formulate a search query, refer to Modules 2.2 and 2.3 of this Finding Information Tutorial.