



Applied Science Commons



Current, practical, high-impact knowledge that's not in journals and books

A bridge linking academic research and real-world impact



“Until now, there’s been no quality resource that indexes and captures fast moving, real-world research that’s not published in journals. We capture practical research from more than 10,000 organizations, including governments, agencies, hospitals, corporations, consultants, and research centers. We make current information available quickly, building a bridge between the real world and the academy.”

– Toby Green, Publisher

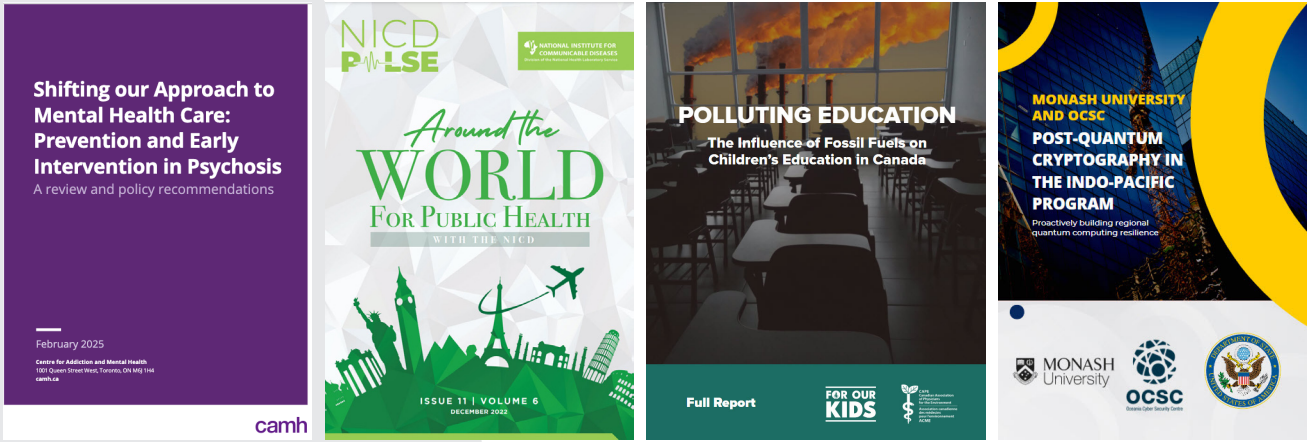


The number of times researchers cite nontraditional sources is surging.

Funders look increasingly for research with demonstrable impact and societal returns—so in order to reach broader audiences more quickly, research institutions are publishing their findings outside mainstream journals.*

Websites, blogs, social media posts—these nontraditional sources have the most current reports, case studies, and technical documents. But this “fugitive material” is largely invisible through mainstream academic discovery services; it’s difficult to locate, cite, and preserve.

Applied Science Commons makes fugitive information just as easy to discover and cite as journal articles, and preserves it for the future.



Applied Science Commons indexes and preserves over 2 million items that are not published in traditional academic sources.

FIVE COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE NOW

- *Public Health and Social Care*
- *Applied Psychology*
- *Mental Health in VR and Video*
- *Computer Science, Data, and AI*
- *Applied Environmental Science*

More collections are on the way.

Discover What’s Missing from the Scholarly Record

Access real-world insights and recommendations—often long before they’re published in books or journals. The *Applied Science Commons* platform brings you millions of hard-to-find materials that rarely make it into traditional academic channels.

Sourced from Over 10,000 Global Organizations

Explore content from governments, hospitals, agencies, corporations, consultants, research centers, and more—all offering practical, actionable knowledge for teaching, learning, and research.

Built for Academic Use

Materials are carefully selected for relevance to instruction and scholarship. You’ll find:

- o Technical reports and case studies
- o Consultant and feasibility studies
- o Policy papers and white papers
- o Podcasts and blogs
- o VR and video
- o Government and industry publications
- o Community impact assessments

Seamless Integration

Every item includes Content Object Identifiers (COIs), MARC records, and rich metadata—making it easy to cite, track, and embed into academic workflows.

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With *Applied Science Commons* you can...

1

Expand your research coverage

Find current, hyperlocal, detailed research from corporations, agencies, cities, government agencies, experts, and consultants, that's absent from traditional academic databases.

3

Cite and reference with authority

Every item has a unique Content Object Identifier (COI) for easy and permanent citation. A simple, open, and free resolver at COILink.org allows anyone to see the bibliographic records associated with an item.

2

Discover your real-world impact

Our tools display where your organization is mentioned in fugitive literature. Find where you're delivering real-world impact around the world, including in the Global South. Impact studies and systematic reviews have found as much as 40 percent more content using the Coherent platform.

4

Expand your research beyond English

Most databases search only in English. *Applied Science Commons* translates titles, summaries, and tables-of-contents into English, so they can be found easily.

5

Uncover “lost” content

The database includes materials from defunct agencies, defunded projects, and inactive organizations. It preserves materials that have long since been removed from city and government websites.

7

Save hours with a suite of search tools

With full-text searching, wildcard truncation, Boolean and proximity operators, and dozens of search filters, you'll quickly find exactly what you're looking for.

9

Grow coverage

Suggest organizations you'd like us to cover. We'll check the sources and add them to the database.

6

Keep your research current

Access research long before it's covered in journals and books. Follow organizations, people, topics—even your own searches—and be the first to know about new reports relevant to your research. Currency is essential in many disciplines like AI and cybersecurity.

8

Publish to our community

We invite our users to upload their own content if they own the copyright, or upload links to other digital resources if they do not. We'll enrich and index your uploaded item, give it a permanent Content Object Identifier, and publish it.

