Researching a topic in Discovery

1. Go to Discovery: https://discovery.hw.ac.uk

2. Sign in via the “Sign in” link in the top right corner. You might get more search results if you sign in and signing in also lets you save useful results for later.

   You’ll need to use your username to sign in (e.g. abc123), not your full email address (not abc123@hw.ac.uk).

3. Select your campus from the drop down. Discovery will search the print and electronic resources available to you at this campus.

   If you are a distance learner or are away from campus and only want to online resources, select “Heriot-Watt Resources” from the drop-down menu, and on the results page use the “Full Text Online” limiter.

4. Type some keywords to describe your topic, and then click on the magnifying glass (or press enter) to search.
5. Review your results.

6. Consider using “Advanced Search” to include some more keywords, making your results more relevant.

On the advanced search page, click on the magnifying glass (or press enter) to search, and then scroll down the screen to see your search results: search results are displayed below the advanced search box.
7. Use the limiters at the left of the screen to narrow down your search results.

8. Click on the links to explore the items you're interested in.

9. Add items you are interested in your favourites by clicking on the pin icon.

If you are signed in you can view these favourites later. The link to your pinned favourites is at the top right of the Discovery home page. You can also export your results to EndNote, print information about your results, or email results to yourself.

10. You can “Search outside Heriot-Watt” to see material not available at Heriot-Watt University. If you are in third year or above you might be able to get these items via InterLibrary Loan.