Visitor Access

Q. **How can I access UCI’s licensed electronic content (databases, ebooks, journals, and periodicals)?**
   You are welcome to use a computer on the UCI Campus (e.g. in Langson Library, Starbucks, etc.) to access most of our licensed electronic content. Business databases that are restricted to current UCI students/faculty/staff will be clearly marked with a red asterisk.*

Q. **What computer(s) can I use on campus?**
   - You may use your own laptop. You will need to register as a guest on UCI’s wireless network.
   - You may use any open library computers. They do not require a login.

Q. **I’m a researcher (i.e. current student/faculty/staff) at another institution. Can I register for remote access to UCI’s electronic content?**
   Accessing library materials online requires an active UCInetID and password. The Office of Information Technology (OIT) is the governing body for the UCInetID. Regardless of your affiliation elsewhere, the answer depends on whether you are doing work in collaboration with a researcher at UCI. If yes, then you might be able to obtain a Sponsored UCInetID from OIT. Only UCI faculty, or management-level staff members, or their designees may sponsor someone. The UCI Libraries cannot grant sponsored UCInetID’s because that is outside of our jurisdiction. Please speak with your research collaborator, or their UCI school/departmental IT office, and OIT.

Q. **I’m an alum from another UC campus. Does that grant me any special access privileges at UCI?**
   Unfortunately not.

Q. **Can I pay UCI a ‘membership fee’ or get a library card to access electronic content remotely?**
   A ‘membership fee’ model — wherein for a small fee, people not currently affiliated with UCI piggyback on all of UCI’s purchases of and subscriptions to electronic content — would collapse the revenue streams for all of those vendors. To have unrestricted remote access to a vendor’s valuable electronic information, individuals and business need to directly purchase or subscribe to a vendors’ products.

Q. **Can a library staff member email content to me so I don’t have to come to campus?**
   Unfortunately not. That would violate the contracts we have with our vendors, which could result in vendors revoking UCI’s access to their licensed electronic content, or even suing us.

Q. **Where else can I find business content for my research?**
   You may be pleasantly surprised by the amount of content available (online even!) through your local public library. Cardholders at public libraries can also use Inter Library Loan to borrow much of the content owned by other libraries too. And there’s often free parking!

Q. **Can I check out UCI’s print books?**
   Yes, if you acquire a library card. Library cards do not grant any online access access privileges.