# Libraries and Learning Resources Akamai University

Akamai University provides access to the world's largest online full text academic library for our students, as well as an extensive array of learning materials and research resources. Our collection networks more than three million full text resources. In addition to online resources, Akamai provides access for researching and purchasing required materials at very low cost.

## **Questia Media Library**

Akamai University partners online with Questia Media Library toward the enhancement of the degree programs of our students. This massive online library resource provides primary resources for academic exploration, research and paper assignments. Questia, the world's largest online library offers more than one million five hundred thousand complete academic books, journal, magazine, and newspaper articles. Questia also provides a bibliography creator, note taker, encyclopedia, and other academic tools that will help you help you organize and store your work online, allowing you to research quickly and effectively with the best results! Questia has prepared a massive array of mini-collections of library content on specific topics, providing the best books and articles they have to offer on each subject. If you want to search for a more specific topic within any field of study, Questia provides outstanding search capabilities to assist you. Note: Akamai receives a discount rate when members of our academic community sign up with Questia.

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- Scholarly, high-quality books and journal articles from over 300 acclaimed publishers in the humanities and social sciences
- Unlimited use of the books and articles in the collection no matter how many others are reading the same materials
- Tools to write notes in the margins and highlight passages as if you were working with actual physical books
- Easy-to-use tools to create footnotes and bibliographies
- Hyperlinking of footnotes and bibliographies across titles for instant access to related titles
- State-of-the-art customer service
- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (The library is never closed)

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### Akamai Virtual Library

The Akamai Virtual Library is designed as a comprehensive link library for the Internet, providing online gateways to support and effective scholarly study and research, complementing online and hard copy library resources and texts. The Akamai Virtual Library includes full text links to reference material, journals, hyper-text libraries, virtual library projects, international government references, news and newspapers, virtual museums, Internet tools and a wide array of specialized search engines.

The reference area offers students access to textbooks online in their fields of study and a variety of online resources for reference and research, including almanacs and encyclopedias, dictionaries and thesauruses, research and writing manuals, biographical data sources, maps and atlases, telephone directories, grant writing resources and a variety of other useful reference materials. Library links include the following, among hundreds of others: The World Wide Web Virtual Library; UNESCO Libraries Portal; LibWeb International Library Portals Online; Association of Commonwealth Universities Library Resources; Library of Congress Online Catalogue; LOC Portals to the World; Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations; Project Gutenberg Online Books; HighBeam Library Research; The Online Books Page; and Awesome Library Online

The hyper-text libraries section provides a massive array of informational resources for students and educators and links to libraries worldwide. Resources include public domain documents from American and English literature and philosophy, medicine and medical education, research archives and databases, including dissertations, parametric and nonparametric statistics, and public domain and copy-permitted historical texts. Hyper-text resources also include repositories of text and links for thousands of texts references, access to US Library of Congress resources, free access to over thirty thousand books, a searchable database of thousands of additional hypertext books and public domain books, free electronic journals and magazines Hypertext resources also includes access to a broad array of medical resources.

The Akamai Virtual Library includes access to The Virtual Library Project, one of the first comprehensive content collections developed for the Internet. The Virtual Library Project is a non-commercial confederation of sites, compiled and maintained by The Virtual Librarians covers an array of academic and general interest topics.

Akamai Virtual Library presents a special set of resources selected and presented by Akamai senior faculty covering the fields of psychology, business, environmental studies, education, health and a number of other disciplines covered by Akamai academic programs. The Akamai Virtual Library has brought together a number of vital materials from the USA and other government resources, including executive, legislative, judicial branches, departments and public agencies, USA state governments, and governing bodies of many other nations. Links provide access to important U.S. Government databases, and information, as well as links to over one hundred national constitutions and founding documents, foreign embassies on the web, foreign governments and official web sites, and an important searchable database of international publications.

News categories include online news services and newspapers spanning the globe. News service links include ABA, BBC, PBS, and CNN, together with a massive collection of other news links.

There is also a countless array of USA and international newspapers online. The Akamai Virtual Library brings students links to more than three hundred electronic journals and magazine sites across a wide range of academic disciplines including psychology, business, environmental studies, education, health and an array of other fields covered by Akamai fields of study.

#### **Special Business Libraries**

As an example of the special research available to our students in the Akamai Virtual Library, following is a discussion of some of the special links online for business students. The Business Library of Authenticity Consulting, one of the world's largest well-organized collections of easy-to-access, comprehensive resources regarding leadership and management. There are approximately 650 management topics in the Library, spanning 5,000 links. Topics include the most important practices to start, develop, operate, evaluate and resolve problems in for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Each topic has additionally recommended books and related Library topics. Library topics span the range from basic to complex, making the Library useful to students, researchers, consultants and writers. The many links to additional resources provide a quite comprehensive network of online learning and research literature. The Leader's Library is another excellent resource for business students and faculty, including links to associations and organizations, government sites, and business topics and business research sources, and a journal of research applications.

#### **Access to Textbooks Online**

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