Finding Images

There are a number of ways to source images for use in assignments and presentations. There are many images free to view on the web. However, these images may be subject to copyright laws and permission should be sought prior to use.

The UTAS Library has two major image databases with licences to use the images for educational or scholarly purposes. These are ARTstor and Oxford Art Online. These two image repositories should be your first stop for finding images you can safely use.

ARTstor

ARTstor is a large repository of digital images in the Arts, architecture, humanities and sciences.

To access ARTstor, from the main Library website, click “databases” on the right hand side of the screen.

From the Alphabetical list, click on “A”

Scroll down the screen until you see the link for ARTstor, in alphabetical order. Click on the link and you will be taken to the title page for the ARTstor Digital Library.
You will need to create a login for ARTstor to allow you to download images. In the top right-hand corner of the screen there will be an option to register and log in. Unregistered users will still be able to search images and data.

For a simple search, you can use the search box on the left hand side of the screen. For a more detailed search, click “Advanced Search” under the “All Collections” drop down menu.

Once you have the raw results of your search, use the filter panel to refine your results by geography, collection or classification.

You can also browse images according to Geography, Classification or Collection. Browsing is very helpful if you don’t know exactly what you are looking for, or if you are having trouble coming up with keywords for your search.
Browsing by Geography, Classification or Collection is very helpful if you want to limit the images you are viewing. You could browse only Australian Images. You could view all images in the Performing Arts classification. You could also restrict your viewing to images in the Columbia University: World Architecture collection.

Oxford Art Online

Oxford Art Online is the second of the Library’s Image databases.

From the main Library website click on the “Databases” link on the right hand side of the screen. Click on “O” and then scroll down until you find “Oxford Art Online”. The Oxford Art Online database searches Grove Art Online, The Oxford Companion to Western Art, the Encyclopaedia of Aesthetics and The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms.

From the main Library home page, click the “Databases” link on the right hand side of the screen.

From the Alphabetical list, click on “O”

Scroll down the screen until you see the link for Oxford Art Online, in alphabetical order. Click on the link and you will be taken to the title page for the ARTstor Digital Library.

The front page has a search box for an “image only” search in the centre of the screen. Use this if you know what search terms to use for finding your image. You have the choice to include images from external websites and images where the online rights are unavailable. This search will search captions and keywords associated with images.

Oxford Art Online is the access point for Grove Art Online, The Concise Dictionary of Artists, and other Oxford art reference resources.

Search by Browse

- Grove Art Online
- The Oxford Companion to Western Art
- Encyclopaedia of Aesthetics
- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms

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About OAI: This site hosts two major art resources: Grove Art and Benezit. You must have access to one or both, your list of sources and search results automatically reflect your individual settings.

What’s new: Find out about more than 400 new articles and updated bibliographies on everything from Islamic architecture to British watercolors.

Now Available: Grove Art has collaborated with an international group of scholars to release a collection of original new articles and stunning images on the art of New Zealand.
Browsing Images

To browse images, click on the “Images” link under the title on the main page.

This is a list of all the images in the database, sorted alphabetically. You can enter search terms in the search box on the left side of the screen to search images by captions and keywords.

Use quotation marks to group words together.

Use Boolean Operators: AND, OR, NOT, and NEAR to combine keywords.

Limit your search to a specific source, depending on your interest.

All images used in assignments need to be referenced. Refer to the Reference Library Guide for help with referencing. The library guides can be accessed from the main Library home page, using the “Library Guides” link on the right.

Google Image search can be very helpful for finding images on the web, but many of the images are subject to copyright law. Images can also be incorrectly identified. Carefully inspect images found with Google Image search and read the terms of use or copyright statement on the site you found the image to ensure it can be used for educational or scholarly purposes.