

Guidance on creating references and citations

Referencing your work is one of the ways to demonstrate that your opinions are informed and built on work conducted by experts in your field. There are a number of different ways to reference your work but one of the most popular is the Harvard Referencing system. Using the Harvard referencing system, for example, supports your work in a number of important ways:

1. Sharing research.
2. Giving credit the work of others.
3. Verifying your evidence.
4. Giving your work a level of authority.
5. Indicating wide reading.

Remember, not referencing can sometimes look like academic dishonesty or plagiarism. Showing exactly where your information has come from demonstrates that you are consciously drawing on the work of others and not pretending that it is your own.

(The above guidance is taken from <https://www.gre.ac.uk/articles/ils/referencing>)

The clearest advice we have come across on citations and referencing can be found here:

<https://www.librarydevelopment.group.shef.ac.uk/referencing/harvard.html>.