

Masters of Real Estate Study Guide

This guide was created to assist MREI students to find resources to assist them in their study. The guide is divided up into databases (building industry, financial industry, journal, and legal) and books. There is also a few links for support services. Guide by david.litting@uts.edu.au / 95143390

Building Industry

[BIS Shrapnel Reports](#)

These reports comprise the residential property prospects report, Building Industry Prospects report and the Building in Australia reports. They are hardcopy reports, so you will have to come into the library to use them.

[Costweb](#)

CostWeb provides up to date construction cost information for all popular building types, including forecasts of building costs in the future.

[CityScope](#)

CityScope provides lease information for office blocks in the Sydney CBD. It also gives Nabers ratings for office buildings.

[Price Finder APM](#)

A property sales and ownership database, covering the Sydney metropolitan area.

[Property Council of Australia](#)

The library subscribes to the PCA Education pack which gives you access to office market reports by state as well as benchmark surveys of operating costs.

[Residex Reports](#)

We have the best rent report for the Australian states and the property return report for NSW and the ACT. They are hardcopy reports, so you will have to come into the library to use them.

[RP Data \(Corelogic\)](#)

A property sales and ownership database, covering the entirety of NSW.

Financial Industry

[CEIC](#)

CEIC Data provides time series data by sector and country to enable macroeconomic analysis, trend monitoring and economic forecasting. It allows users to create charts, or download data to Microsoft Excel for in-depth analysis.

[Connect 4](#)

Annual reports for Australian companies going back to the early 1990s.

[Company 360](#)

Provides in-depth business information and analysis on Australia's leading 50,000 private and public companies

[Datanalysis Premium \(MorningStar\)](#)

Comprehensive accurate information on all ASX listed and delisted companies including financial information.

[Factiva](#)

This is a powerful newspaper database that also provides business information. Note that if you want to search for a few words in a search like Central park Chippendale you will have to express it as Central Park AND Chippendale – to make the search work.

[IbisWorld](#)

Australian industry reports (including Real estate services and construction) containing key statistics and analysis on market characteristics, operating conditions, current and historical performance, a five-year forecast, major industry participants and more

[Mint Global](#)

Another public & private company information platform, but this one covers international companies too.

Journal articles

Articles from scholarly journals will assist you in finding case study information on various topics, as well as analysis of emerging trends in the property and finance industries, and also information on how academic theory is applied in real world examples. We recommend these publisher's search engines as good places to start your search for academic articles.

Proquest Business - A great multidisciplinary database and the largest in this list.

Emerald - A management database with more focused content than Proquest. All full text articles too

Taylor and Francis - An interesting complement to the above two databases. All peer reviewed and full text.

Informit Complete - Informit Complete is a suite of Australian databases, so depending on how Australian focussed your search is this could be the most useful. For best results choose 'select all' from the database checklist. Sometimes you will need to seek out the full text using the SFX software. For more information see our **Informit Tutorial**

If you want a really powerful search, try **Google Scholar** as it sources materials found in the above databases as well as material published in house by universities and organizational bodies. It counts citations too.

Legal Databases

Legislation

You can locate Australian state and federal legislation in **LawNow**, **Austlii** and **LawOne**

LawNow is useful because it gives you a gateway to legal materials specific to particular clauses in the legislation. It also offers you information on the progress of bills including the text of the bill, explanatory memoranda and the second reading speeches from parliament. Using the browse function is the easiest way to track down information, I find.

Case Law, Commentary and Articles

Westlaw AU Westlaw AU contains a range of resources for Australian law - case law, journal articles, and commentary.

Lexisnexis AU complements Westlaw AU for Australian legal resources also.

For legal questions contact our law librarian Seraphina.Goldsmith@uts.edu.au

Books

The **library catalogue** has hundreds of thousands of books that will give you a good grounding in theory and metascale issues around real estate investment.

If you can't find the book you want in the library catalogue try searching with **BONUS**. This service brings books to UTS from 14 other university libraries, giving you access to over 7 million titles.

If you can't find the book you want in BONUS, try **interlibrary loans**

Help

Built Environment playlist on the UTS Library YouTube Channel

Lynda – this is a database of instructional videos, specialising in the use of software applications.

Harvard UTS Referencing Pages @ UTS Library

Referencing Software – take your choice from our 3 supported softwares – EndNote, Mendeley or Refworks

Ask – A- Librarian page @ UTS Library