**Tips for using this checklist**

* Approach ranking data **responsibly** by selecting the ranking material from the year your article was published.
* Journal ranking metrics are heavily weighted towards journals that publish often due to the variations in the **type of research being output by different disciplines**.
* Journal rankings should not be used as an indicator for the quality of articles, authors or journals.
* Contact Senior Librarians for more support: my-librarian@cqu.edu.au

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| JIF      | The Journal Impact Factor (JIF) is a measure of the average number of citations to recently published articles in a journal. The JIF should not be used as an indicator for the quality of articles or authors. | • **InCites Journal Citation reports**  
  o JIF help |
| SJR      | SCImago Journal Rank is a prestige metric based on the idea that ‘all citations are not created equal’. With SJR, the subject field, quality and reputation of the journal has a direct effect on the value of a citation. | • Scimago  
  o Scimago help |
| SNIP     | The Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) measures contextual citation impact by weighting citations based on the total number of citations in a subject field. Use SNIP when you want to compare journals in separate disciplines which have different citation and publication practices, as it will provide a more accurate representation of metrics. | • **SNIP**  
  o Scopus SNIP help |
| Quartiles| Quartiles: Use SJR when you want to find and compare the prestige of a journal. Journals are ranked into Quartiles (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) with Q1 being the top 25%. Quartile rankings can be used as an indicator of journal prestige. | • **Scimago**  
  o Scimago help  
  • **InCites Journal Citation reports**  
  o Quartile ranking help |
| Discipline specific ranking lists | Specific ranking lists can overcome the regional and discipline bias of international lists. | • **Business**  
  o ABDC  
  o VHB Journal List (German Academic Association for Business)  
  o CNRS Categorization of Journals in Economics and Management  
  o RePEc: IDEAS Rankings |
| ERA Journal List | The **ERA 2018 Journal List** was developed for the sole purpose of supporting the ERA 2018 evaluation. Journal including on the list have been assessed by the ARC as part of the ERA initiative. | • **ERA 2018 Journal list** |