

Preparing law students to be job ready graduates is a priority for the University Library. The University of Adelaide law library has been part of the Adelaide Law School since its inception in the 1890s. Recently the University Library made a strategic decision to change the role of traditional branch libraries into one centrally run quality library service, still providing print material but with an increased commitment to digital by default.

Building on the work completed in the past, the library is working on improving access to legal research online, from library guides, a Law portal to a Library Essentials Law program where students can self-enrol and access learning modules 24/7. Planning, development, discussion and using a collaborative approach is ongoing in the development of effective tools for students to use. Recognition of legal research skills has never been stronger, as this is a key employability skill.

When Covid arrived in 2020, the library was well placed with the online platforms. It will continue to build on this for the future, embracing new technologies to deliver effective legal research.