Citing Information in the ACS Style

Academic disciplines employ different ways of citing sources used in scholarly research. The field of chemistry utilizes the formatting style of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The citation page is most often titled References and the entries must be alphabetized.

Below are examples of how to cite the most used types of resources. Keep in mind your entries need to be double-spaced and have a hanging indent.

Other examples may be found by consulting:
- ACS publications www.pubs.acs.org

Citing Books...

Print format for books without editors:
Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Book Title, Edition Number; Series Information (if any); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number, Pagination.

Example:

Print format for books with editors:
Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Chapter Title. In Book Title, Edition Number; Editor 1; Editor 2, etc.; Eds.; Series Information (if any); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number, Pagination.

Example:

Online books without editors:
Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Book Title, [Online]; Series Information (if any); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number, Pagination. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).
Example:
http://legacy.netlibrary.com/ebook_infoasp?product_id=91422&piclist=19799,20141,20154

**Online books with editors:**
Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Chapter Title. In *Book Title*, [Online]; Editor 1, Editor 2, etc., 
Eds.; Series Information (if any); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number, 
Pagination. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

Example:
Oleksyn, B.J.; Stadnicka, K.; Sliwinski, J. Structural Chemistry of Enamines: A Statistical 
(accessed April 24, 2014).

**Citing Journals. . .**
**Electronic articles retrieved from a database provider:**
Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Title of Article. *Journal Abbreviation* [Online] *Year, Volume*, 
Article number or other identifying information. Database Provider URL of top page 
(accessed Month Day, Year).

Example:
McDowell, W. Neon and Streon: Opportunities and Challenges for the Aquatic Sciences. *Early 
(accessed May 2, 2015).

**Citing Meetings and Conferences. . .**
Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Title of Presentation. In *Title of the Collected Work*, Proceedings 
of the Name of the Meeting, Location of Meeting, Date of Meeting; Editor 1; Editor 2; etc., 
Eds.; Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Abstract Number, Pagination.

Example:
Christensen S.; Oppacher F. An Analysis of Koza's Computational Effort Statistic for Genetic 
Conference on Genetic Programming, Kinsdale, Ireland, Apr 3-5, 2012; Foster J. A., Lutton 

**Citing Government Publications. . .**
Author 1; Author 2; etc. Chapter Title. *Document Title*; Government Publication Number;
Publishing Agency: Place of Publication, Year; Pagination.

Example:
Gebhardt, S.E.; Thomas, R.G. *Nutritive Value of Foods*; Home and Garden Bulletin No. 72; U.S. 
56-67.
Citing Material Safety Data Sheets. . .
Title; MSDS Number; Manufacturing Company; Location of Company, Date.

Example:

Citing Theses. . .
Author, Title of Thesis. Level of Thesis, Degree-Granting University, Location of University, Date of Completion.

Example:

Citing Patents. . .
Patent Owner 1; Patent Owner 2; etc. Title of Patent. Patent Number, Date.

Example:

Citing Technical Reports and Bulletins. . .
Author 1; Author 2; etc. Title of Report or Bulletin; Technical Report or Bulletin Number; Publisher: Place of Publication, Date; Pagination.

Example:

Citing Personal Communications. . .
Author. Affiliation, City, State. Phrase describing the material, Year.

Example:
Henscheer, L.X. University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. Personal communication, 2015.

Citing Websites. . .
Author (if any). Title of Site. URL (accessed Month Day, Year), other information (if any.)

Example:

Parenthetical Documentation. . .
Example: Fluoridated water as well as various fluoride products such as toothpaste provide fluoride ions necessary for remineralization (Rakita, 2004).