Searching Flickr for Creative Commons images

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How to search

- 1. Go to the Advanced Search page on Flickr.
- 2. Navigate to the 'Any license' drop-down menu and select 'All creative commons' to search for all Creative Commons licensed images. If required, you can also further limit your search to images that can be used commercially (such as for use in MOOCs) or images that can be modified or adapted.

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3. Navigate to the Search bar at the top of the page, enter your search terms then click on 'Search photos'.



4. On the search results page, browse the images for one that you would like to use. Below the image, you will see icons for the Creative Commons Licence and the phrase "Some rights reserved".



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7. It is important that you check the terms of the licence and that you comply with them. Click on the 'Some rights reserved' link to view the full text of the licence. The following symbols indicate the terms of the licence:

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•	Attribution - You must attribute the image as specified by the photographer. If nothing is specified then a proper citation should be given.		
\$	Non-Commercial – The image cannot be used for commercial purposes.		
⊜	No Derivative Works – You may only use the image as it appears. You may not alter, modify or change the image in any way.		
9	Share Alike – If you modify or build upon the image, then you must licence the new images under the same licence as the original image.		
8. Click on the 'Download' icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the page to download			

8. Click on the 'Download' icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the page to download a copy of the image. You will have the option to select the image size that you would like. Make a note of the title, the photographer's name and the URL for the image so that you can attribute it correctly.

Attributing images

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If you would like to use a specific citation style then please see <u>re:cite</u> the Library's citation guide.

If not, here are some examples of how to attribute an image:

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