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Cambridge Aspire: An Online Resource for Digital Textbooks User Guide

Introduction

Cambridge Aspire is a digital learning platform by Cambridge University Press that provides access to academic textbooks and learning resources. This guide is designed to help students, faculty, and staff at Aga Khan University effectively access and use Cambridge Aspire, including instructions on how to access the platform on-campus and off-campus, register and log in, search for textbooks and subject resources, read or listen to textbooks online, and use the Cambridge Spiral app for offline reading.



Access and Login



On-Campus Access

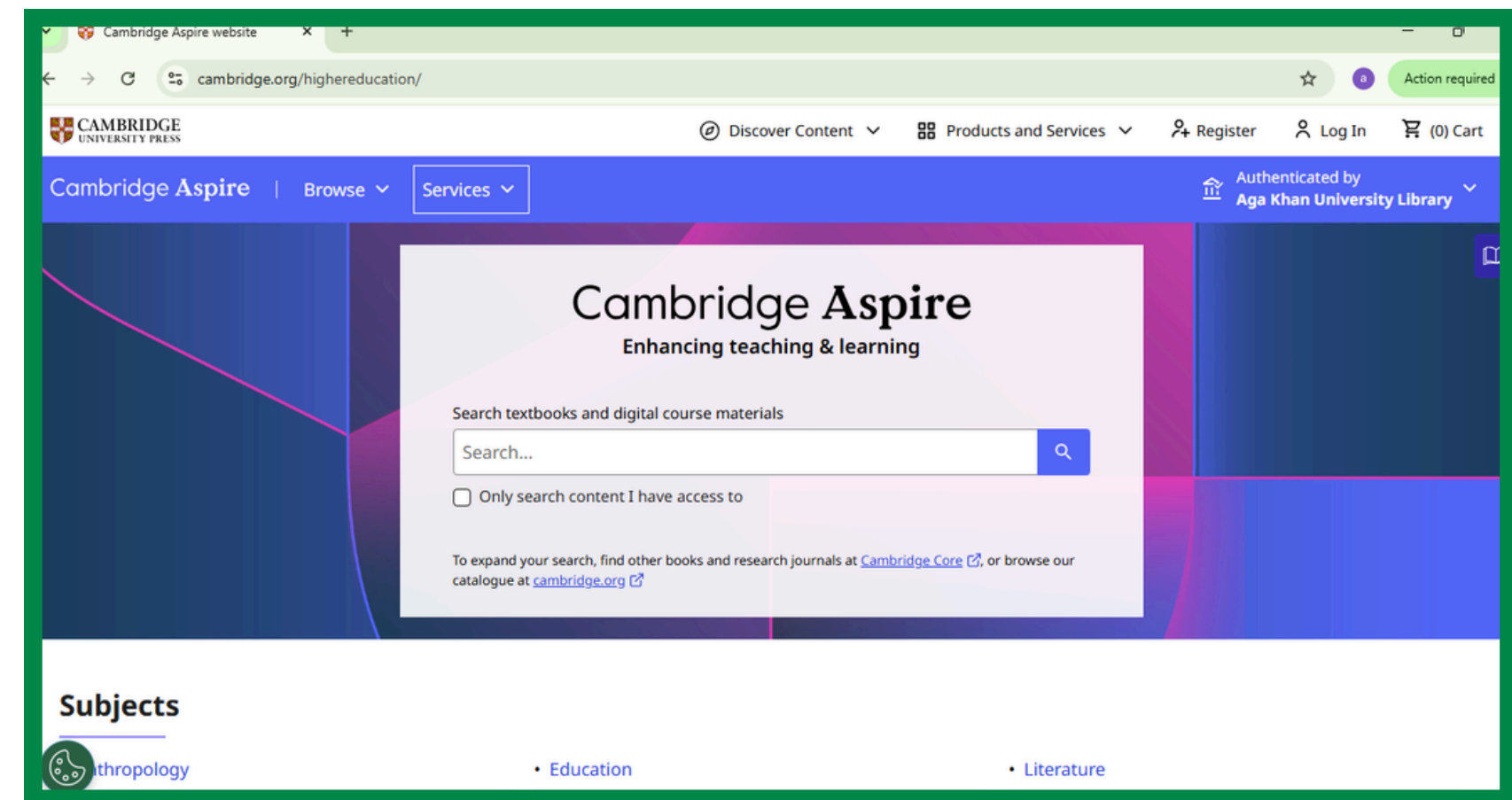
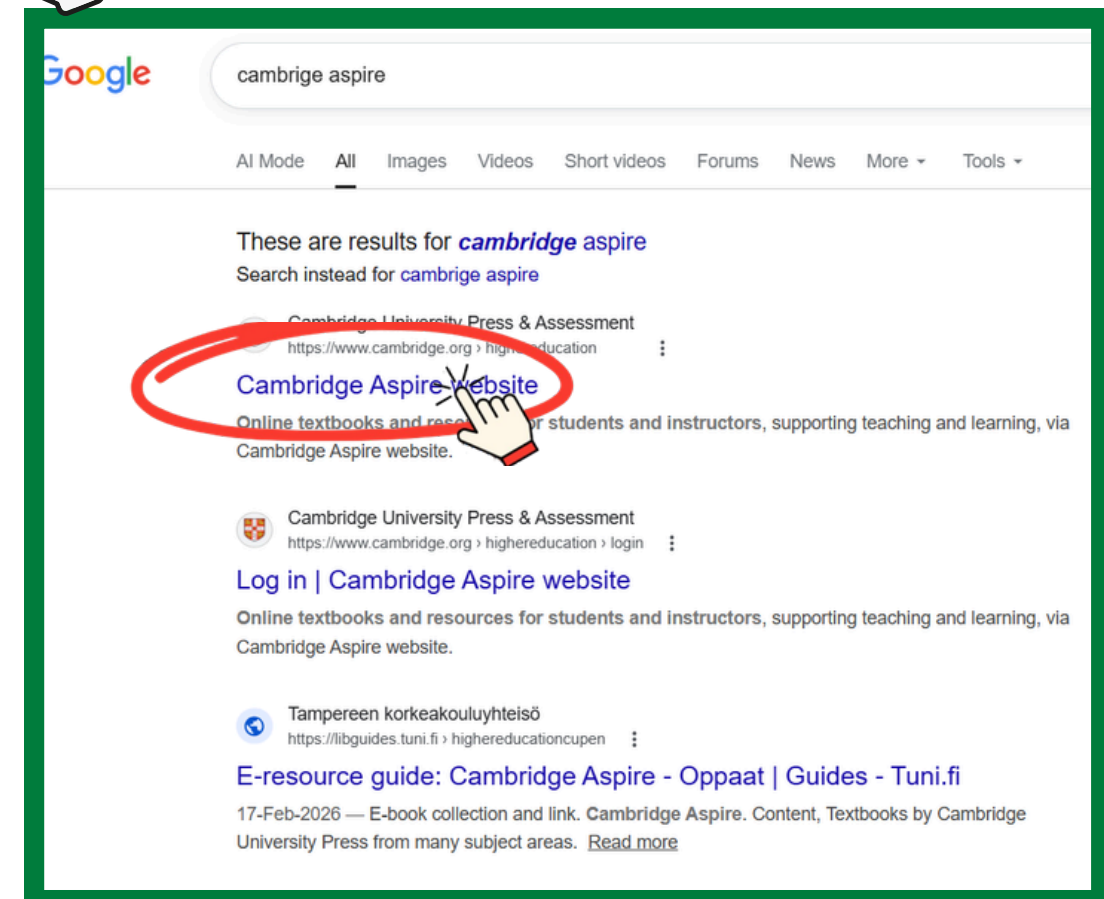
When users are connected to the Aga Khan University campus network, access to Cambridge Aspire is automatically authenticated through the university's system.

Steps:

- Open a web browser and go to Google.
- Type Cambridge Aspire in the search bar.
- Click on the Cambridge Aspire website from the search results.

Once the website opens, the platform will provide direct access without requiring a login, as authentication is automatically recognized through the university network.

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Off-Campus Access

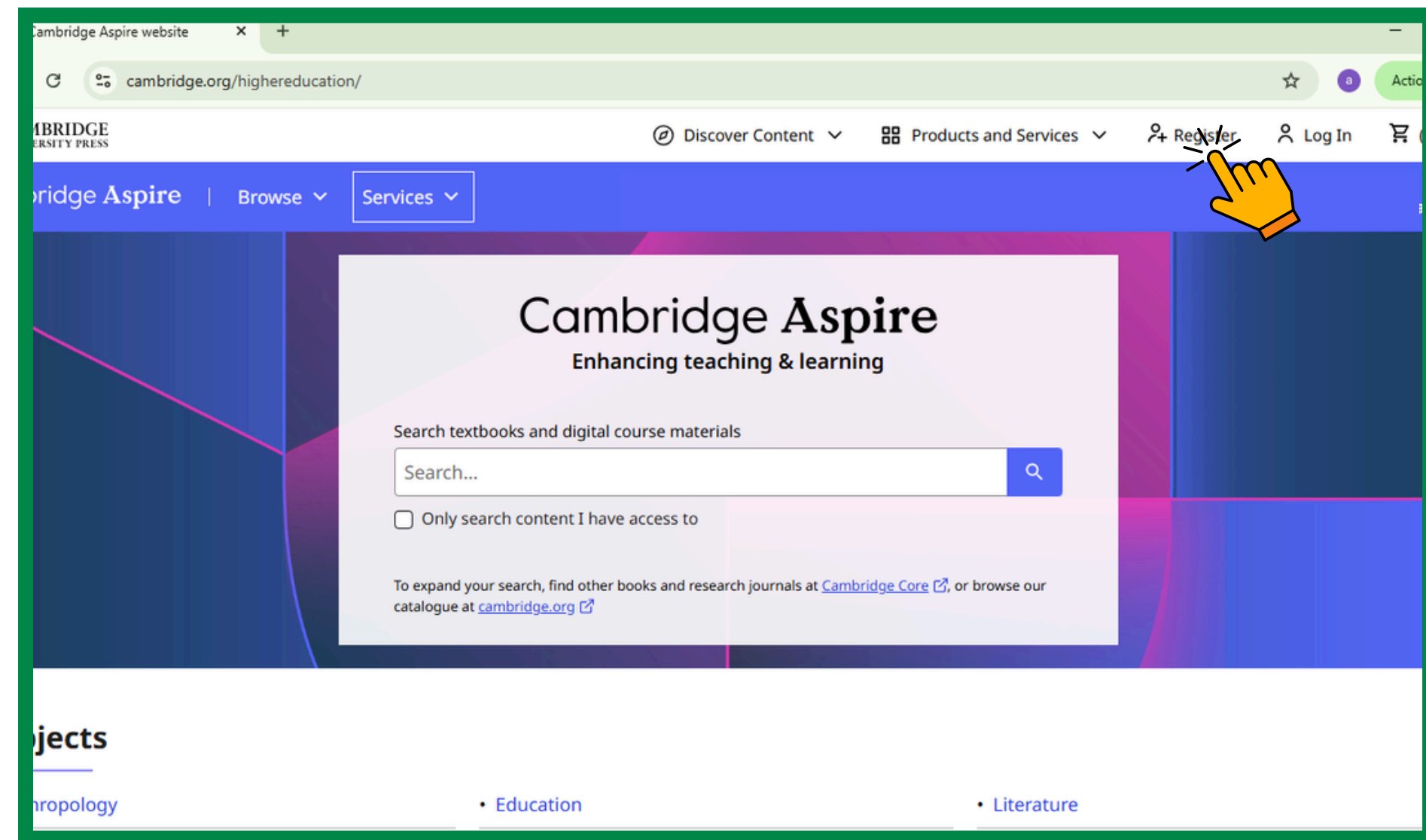
When accessing Cambridge Aspire from outside the Aga Khan University campus network, users must log in using their university credentials.

Steps:

- Visit the Cambridge Aspire website.
- On the top right corner of the page, click Register to create a new account if you have not registered previously.

After completing the registration and verification process, you can log in using your registered institutional email address and password to access the platform remotely.

For detailed instructions on the registration process, please refer to the next page.





Registration Process

Complete the registration form by filling in the required information:

- Title
- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address
 - For faculty and staff (abc.xyz@aku.edu)
 - For students (abc.xyz@scholar.aku.edu)
- Location

You will also be asked the following question:

Are you affiliated with an organisation?

Select **Yes** and enter **Aga Khan University** in the organisation field.

Next, create a password for your account.

Finally, tick the checkbox to agree to the Terms and Conditions, and click **Register** to complete your registration.

Register

Title: <Select>

Location *: Pakistan

Are you affiliated with an organisation? Yes No

Organisation *: Aga Khan University

Are you an instructor? Yes No

ORCID iD (if applicable): Enter your ORCID iD, e.g. 0000-0001-0001-0035

First name *: Ahsan

Last name *: Raza

Email *: ahsan.raza@aku.edu

When creating an instructor account, please ensure you use your institutional email address.

Password *: Password must be at least 8 characters long, contain lower and upper case characters and numbers.

Confirm password *: Confirm your password

By creating your account you agree to our [Terms of use](#) and confirm that you are at least 16 years of age. *

Please keep me informed by email about relevant Cambridge publishing, news and special offers.

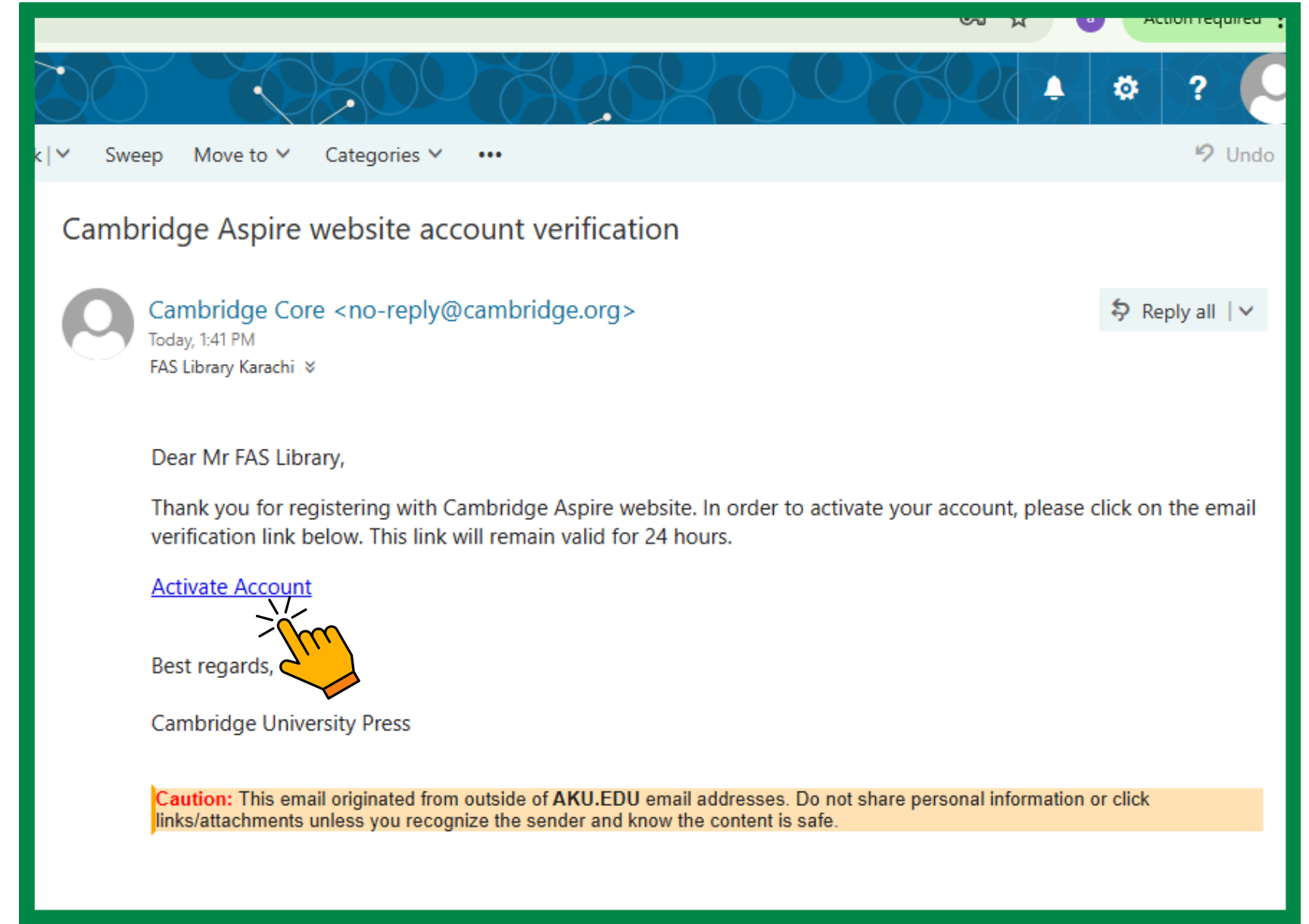
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Cancel Register



- After completing the registration process on Cambridge Aspire, a verification email will be sent to the official email address provided during registration.
- Click on “Activate Your Account”



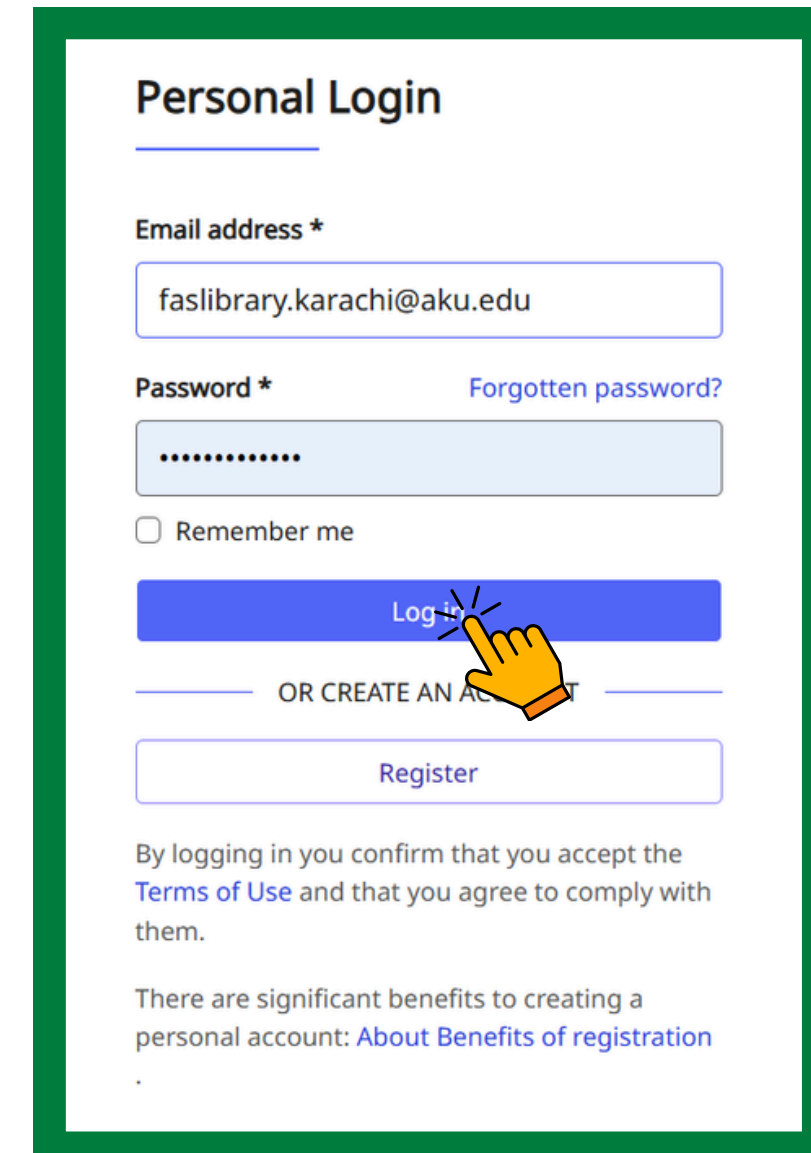
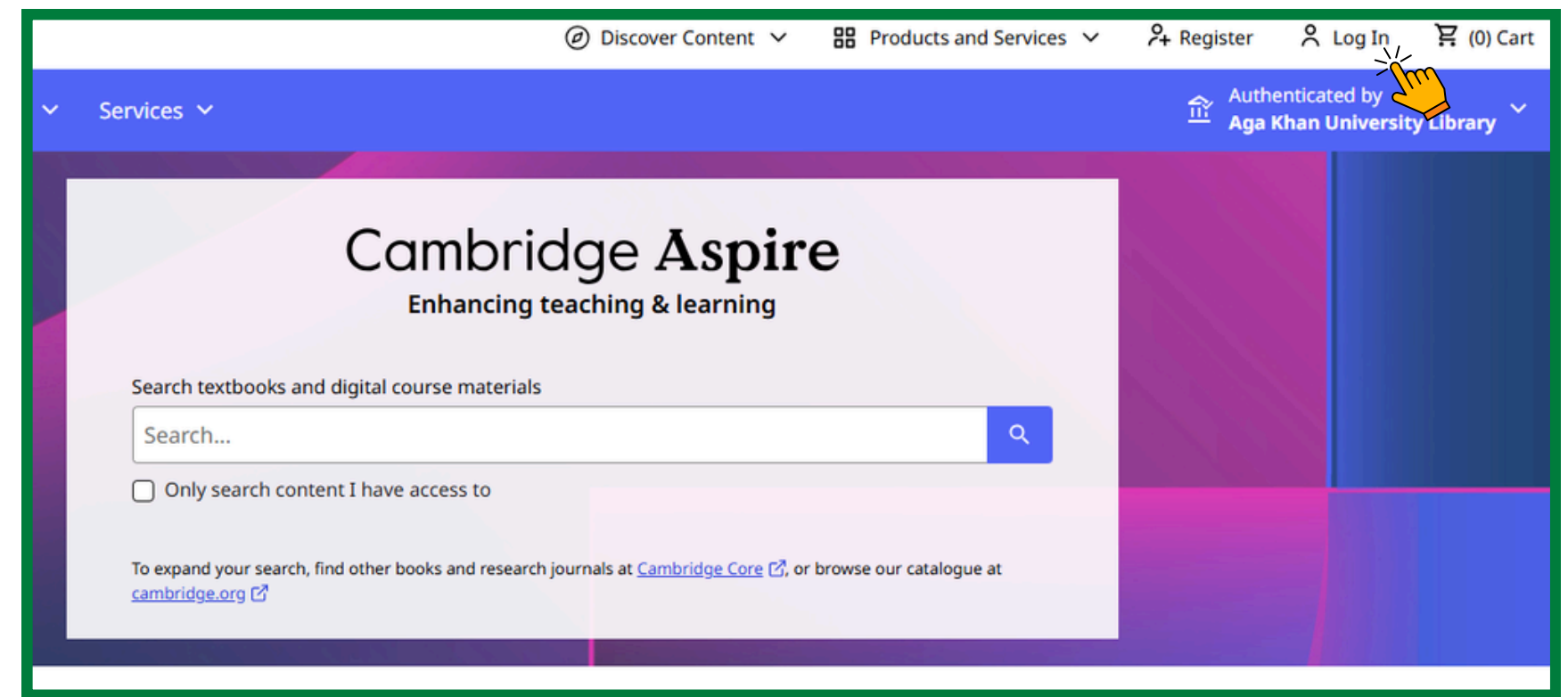


Log In After Activation

After clicking “Activate Your Account” in the verification email, your account will be successfully activated.

Steps:

- Go to the Cambridge Aspire website.
- Click Log In.
- Enter your official email address and the password you created during registration.
- Click Log In to access your account.





Basic Search





Searching for Resources

To find textbooks or learning materials on Cambridge Aspire, use the search bar on the homepage.

Steps:

- Type your search term in the search bar.
- Press **Enter** or click the Search **icon**.

You can search by book title, author name, keywords, or subject area. The platform will display a list of relevant resources related to your search.

The screenshot shows the Cambridge Aspire homepage with a search bar containing the word "economics". A hand icon is pointing to the search icon on the right of the search bar. Below the search bar, three search results are displayed:

- Resource Economics**
2nd Edition
Jon M. Conrad
- The Economics of Art and Culture**
3rd Edition
Karol J. Borowiecki
- Economics of Healthcare**
A Brief Introduction
Andrew Friedson

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Searching by Subject

Cambridge Aspire also allows users to search for resources by subject area. All available subjects can be viewed on the main page of Cambridge Aspire.

Steps:

- Go to the Cambridge Aspire homepage.
- Scroll down to view the list of available subjects.
- Select the subject related to your area of interest.

The platform will display textbooks and learning resources available within the selected subject area. Users can then select a title to view more details or access the content.

The screenshot shows the Cambridge Aspire homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Cambridge University Press logo, a search bar, and links for Discover Content, Products and Services, Register, Log In, and a shopping cart icon. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "Cambridge Aspire" with the tagline "Enhancing teaching & learning". A search bar is prominently displayed, with the text "Search textbooks and digital course materials" above it. Below the search bar, there is a checkbox labeled "Only search content I have access to". At the bottom of the search bar area, there is a link to "Cambridge Core" and a link to "cambridge.org". Below the search bar, there is a section titled "Subjects" which lists various subjects in three columns. The subjects listed are: Anthropology, Archaeology, Area Studies, Art, Business and Management, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Computer Science, Drama, Theatre, Performance Studies, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Economics, Education, Engineering, Film, Media, Mass Communication, General, General Science, Geography, Health and Medicine, History, Language and Linguistics, Law, Life Sciences, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physics and Astronomy, Politics and International Relations, Psychiatry, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, and Statistics and Probability.



Reading or Listening to Textbooks





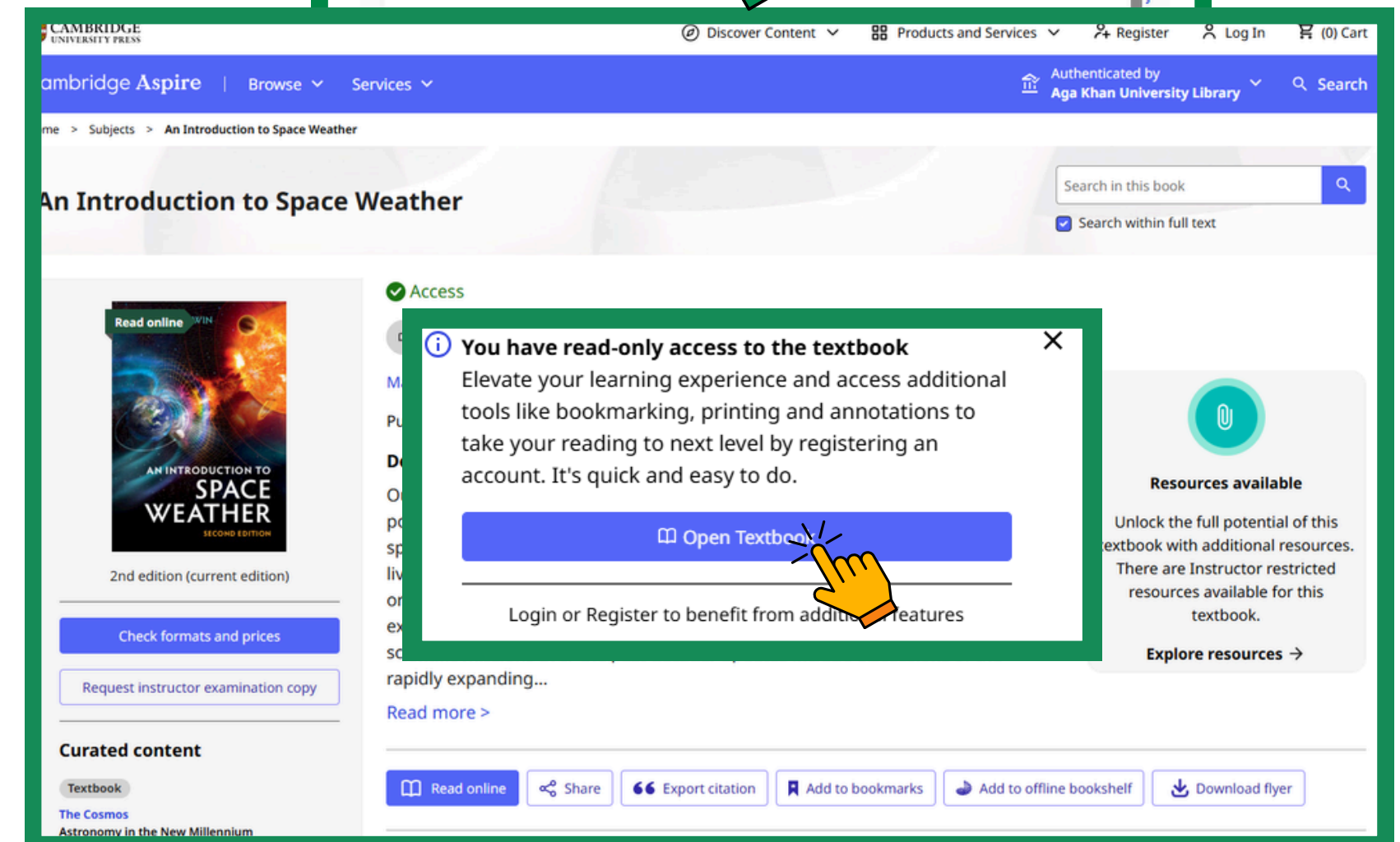
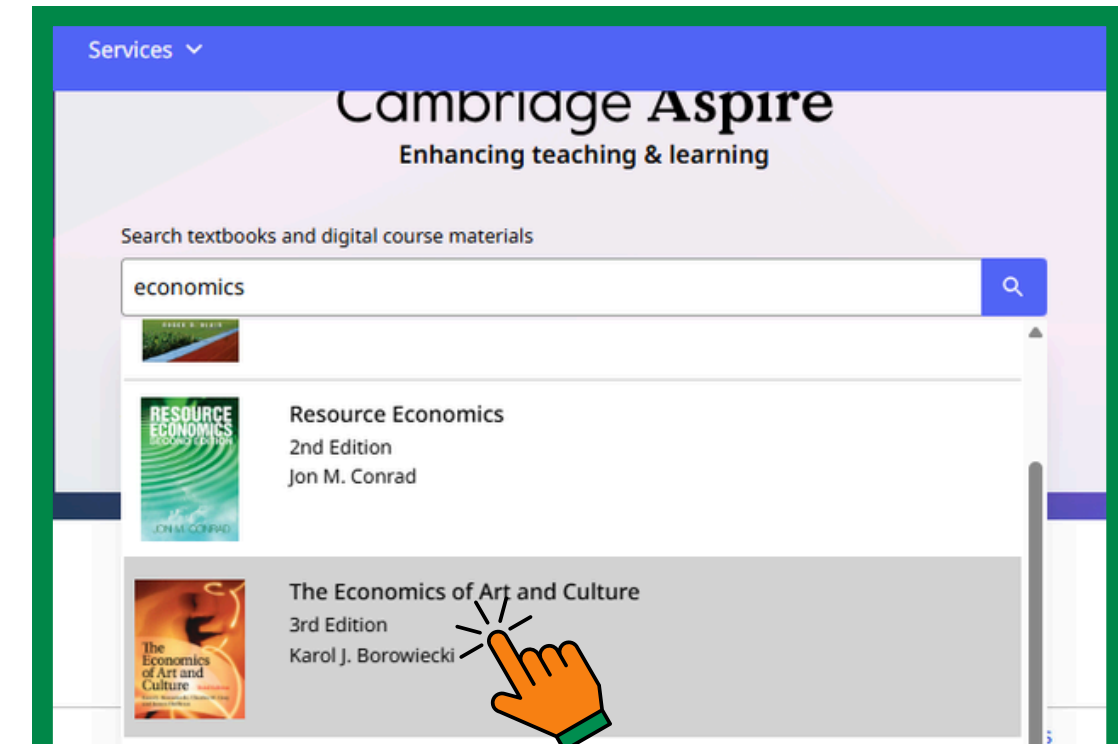
Reading a Textbook Online

Cambridge Aspire allows users to read textbooks directly on the platform.

Steps:

- From the search results list, click on the title of the book you want to open.
- Click the cover image of the book.
- A pop-up window will appear on the screen. Click on the Open Textbook button.

The textbook will open in the online reader, allowing you to read the content directly on the platform.





Listening to the Textbook

Some textbooks on Cambridge Aspire include an audio feature that allows users to listen to the text while reading.

Steps:

- Open the textbook in the online reader.
- Locate the audio icon at the top right corner of the page.
- Click the audio icon to start listening to the content.

The audio feature will read the text aloud, helping users follow the content more easily. This feature is especially useful for reviewing content and supporting accessible learning.

The screenshot shows a digital textbook page with a dark blue header. On the left is a logo, and on the right is a page number 'Page - /214'. In the top right corner, there are icons for settings, a speaker (audio), and a full-screen view. A red hand icon points to the speaker icon. Below the header is a dark grey audio player overlay with icons for a menu, information, thumbs up, play/pause, settings, volume, and close. The main content area features a yellow highlight on a paragraph: "Professor Moldwin lays out the complex topic of space weather in a clear and comprehensive way, with a masterful educational touch that keeps the reader engaged in every chapter." Below this are several testimonials from professors, including Professor Jacob Bortnik, Dr. Karel Schrijver, Professor Louis J. Lanzerotti, and Professor Timothy Kane. Navigation arrows are visible on the left and right sides of the page.



Offline Reading with Cambridge Spiral





Reading Textbooks Offline

Cambridge Aspire also allows users to read textbooks offline using the Cambridge Spiral application. If you would like to read a textbook offline, you must first add it to the Offline Bookshelf.

Steps:

- Open the textbook on Cambridge Aspire.
- Click Add to Offline Bookshelf.
- When the login window appears, enter your registered email address and password.

After adding the book to the Offline Bookshelf, it can be accessed through the **Cambridge Spiral app** for offline reading.

For detailed instructions on downloading the application, please refer to the next page.

The screenshot shows the Cambridge Aspire interface for the textbook "An Introduction to Space Weather" by Mark Moldwin. The page includes a search bar, a "Read online" button, and a "Check formats and prices" button. The "Access" section shows the book is available for Undergraduate students. The "Description" section provides a brief overview of the book's content. The "Curated content" section lists related books. The "Add to offline bookshelf" button is highlighted with a yellow hand cursor.

The screenshot shows a red error message box with a warning icon. The text reads: "Login required. You need to be [logged in](#) to a Cambridge Core account." The "logged in" link is highlighted with a yellow hand cursor.



How to Download the Cambridge Spiral App

Cambridge Spiral is the mobile application that allows users to read Cambridge Aspire textbooks on their devices, including offline access.

Steps to Download the App:

1. Open the App Store on your device.

Android users: Open the Google Play Store.

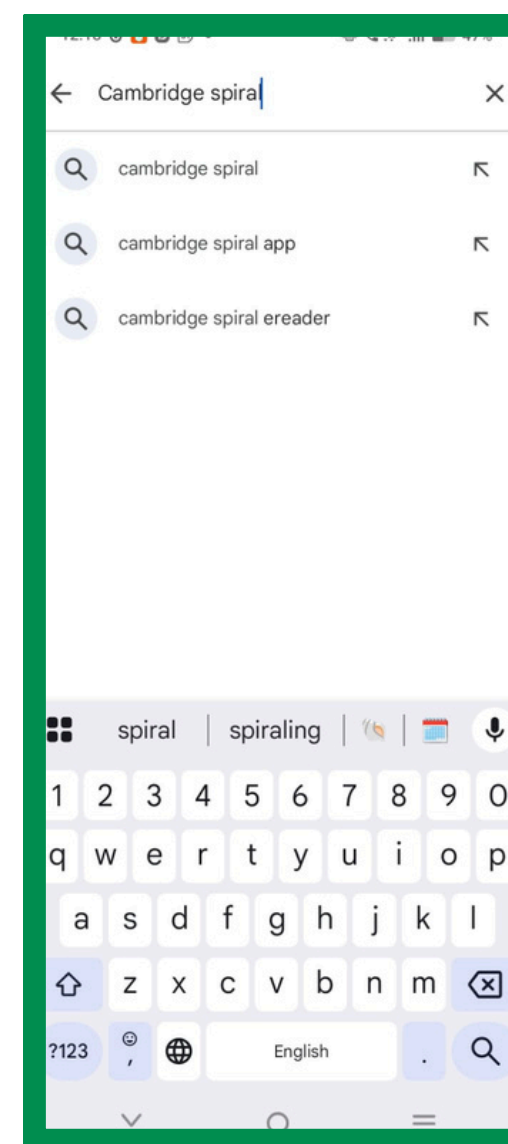
iPhone or iPad users: Open the Apple App Store.

2. In the search bar, type Cambridge Spiral.

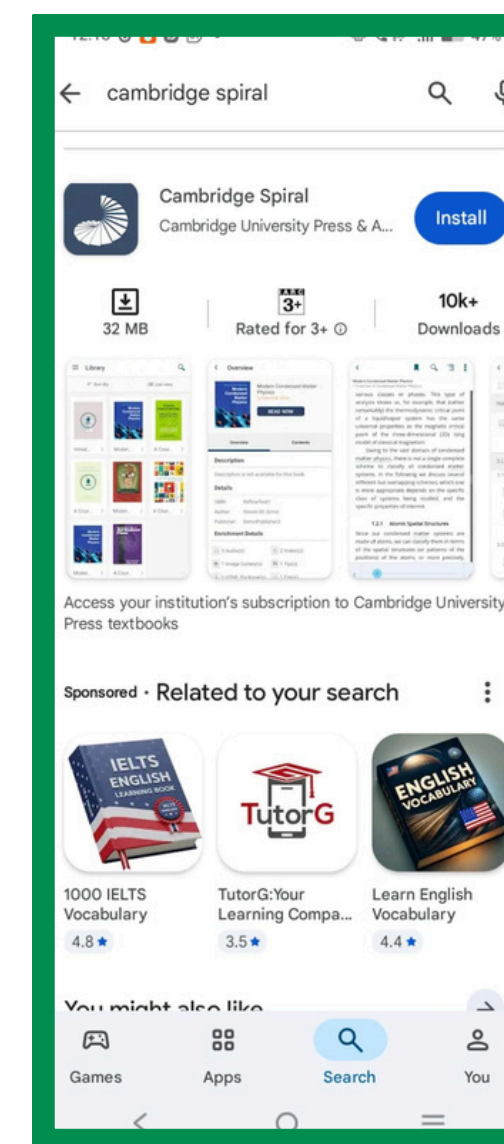
Select the Cambridge Spiral application from the search results.

3. Click Install to download the application.

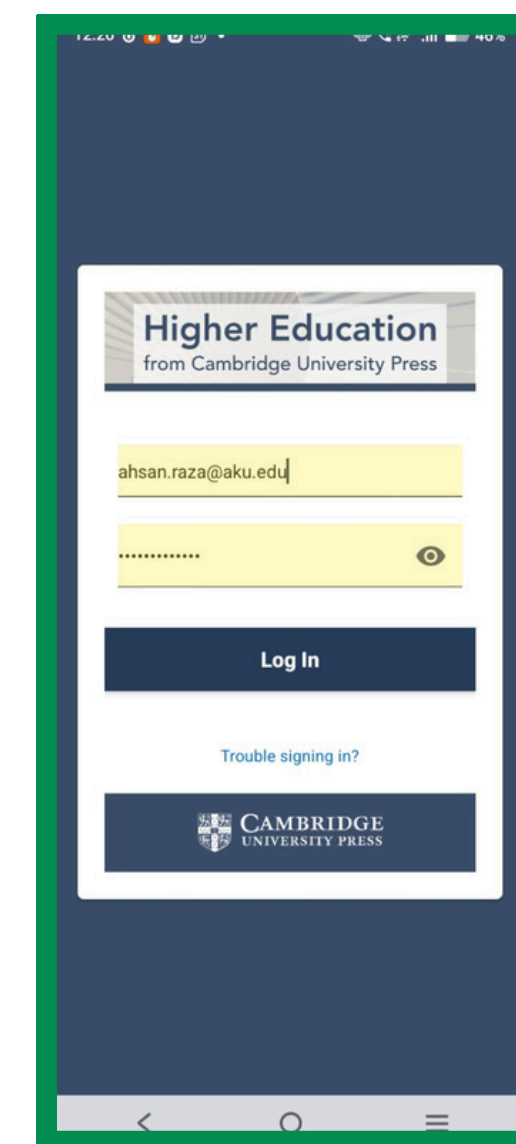
After installation, open the app and log in using your Cambridge Aspire account credentials to access your textbooks.



1 Step



2 Step



3 Step



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