

Email Search Alerts

Welcome to the Randall Library guide to “Email Search Alerts”

Many of your favorite library databases can send you an alert when new articles are added that match your search.

This functionality varies from database to database. So, if you need any assistance setting up alerts, contact us at library.uncw.edu/ask

For today’s example, we will be using the database ProQuest Central.

Go to the Randall Library homepage: library.uncw.edu and select “Databases.”

Select “ProQuest Central”

If you are off campus, you will be prompted for your Seaport username and password.

Conduct your search.

For this example, let’s say you are searching for peer-reviewed articles on the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch.”

Remember, you can always modify your search terms above or limit your results on the left.

Once you are satisfied with your search results, select “Save search/alert”

Note that you have several helpful options under this dropdown menu.

Today, we are going to select “Create alert.”

Take a moment to name the alert, submit an email address, and set up your contact preferences.

Alerts can also be set up so you can “subscribe” to a specific publication.

In the ProQuest Central database, select “Publications.”

Search for the publication. For this example, we’ll search for the “Wall Street Journal.”

Select the title that best matches.

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