

# Using SciFinder



SciFinder®

SciFinder is a research tool that allows you to explore the CAS (Chemical Abstract Services) databases. It is very useful in chemistry to find journal citations, CAS registry numbers, and explore substances and their properties.

## Accessing SciFinder

SciFinder is available via the Internet. **It is for use by current Wichita State University students, faculty, and staff only.** Before you can use, you will need to create a username and password using the registration form found at <http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/scifinderweb.htm>.

You will then use this username and password to access the web version of SciFinder. The first time you register, you **MUST** be on a computer located on the WSU campus, such as one at the libraries. Once you have completed the registration and obtained your own username and password, you can access SciFinder from anywhere, including off campus. However, you must access SciFinder through the WSU libraries webpage and you will have to log-in with your WSU ID and password.

Note: WSU has one license for SciFinder, so only one person affiliated with WSU can be using it at a time. If you try to log in and receive the message “Your allocated system resources are currently unavailable to access SciFinder “, it means someone else from WSU is already using SciFinder and you must try again later. Please remember to always log off when finished using SciFinder so it becomes available for someone else.

## Need help using SciFinder?

SciFinder is a very powerful database with a number of different features you can use, including general reference searching, structure searching, and reaction searching. You can find research articles, patents, chemical information, and more. If you are unsure of how to do anything, SciFinder has developed a number of helpful handouts. Check them out here: <http://www.cas.org/support/scifi/htguides.html>.

There are also a number of tutorials online you can view. You must fill out a short registration form before viewing these tutorials. Find them here: <http://www.cas.org/support/scifi/tutorials.html>.

## Still lost?

Contact the Ablah Library reference desk at 978-3584 or the Chemistry library at 978-3764.