

Life Science database search tips

Database	Subject	Start date	Full text	Proximity operators	Phrase search	Truncation Wildcards	Controlled indexing	Combine searches	Print results	Save results	Save search	Email alerts
Agricultural & Environmental Science Database	Agricultural/environmental	1967	Mainly	NEAR/n PRE/n	"....."	comput* colo?r	Available	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts	Aquatic	1971	Mainly	NEAR/n PRE/n	"....."	comput* colo?r	Available	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BIOSIS	Biological/biomedical/preclinical	1945	Some	ADJn	"....."	comput* colo?r	Available	Yes	Yes	Yes	Save search history	Yes
Cortellis	Pharmaceutical	N/A	N/A	N/A	"....."	comput*	Not controlled	No	Word	Yes	Yes	Yes
EMBASE	Pharmaceutical/biomedical	1947	Some	ADJn	"....."	comput* colo\$r / col?r	Controlled	Yes	Yes	Yes	Save search history	Yes
FSTA Food Science and Technology Abstracts	Food science	1969	Some	ADJn	"....."	comput* colo\$r/col?r	Available	Yes	Yes	Yes	Save search history	Yes
Google Scholar	General	N/A	Some		"....."	Default	Not controlled	No				Yes
Index NZ	All	Mainly 1987+	Ref only	No	"....."	comput?	Not controlled	No	Email	No	No	No
Medline	Medical/biomedical/preclinical	1946	Some	ADJn	"....."	comput* colo?r	Controlled	Yes	Yes	Yes	Save search history	Yes
NZ Science	Science	1848	Abstracts only	"mussel bed"~n	"....."	comput* colo*r	Not controlled	No	Email	No	No	No
Reaxys	Chemical/biochemical	1772	Some	N/A	"....."	Comput*	Controlled	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Science Direct	Science	Full text from 1994+	All	PRE/n W/n	"....."	comput* colo?r	Not controlled	Search history	Yes	File/Save	Yes	Yes
SciFinder	Chemistry/biochemistry	1907	No	NEAR/n	Not needed	Automatic	Automatic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scopus	All subjects	Mostly 1960 +	Yes	PRE/n W/n	"....."	comput*	Not controlled	Search history	Yes	File/Save	Yes	Yes
Web of Science	All subjects	1898	Some	NEAR/n	"....."	comput* colo?r	Not controlled	Search history	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes