

# Patrick Power Library Tutorial

## Search and Journal Alerts



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# Purpose of Tutorial

We will explore a variety of databases and show you how to:

- Save, retrieve, and reuse searches in journal databases
- Create search and journal alerts in databases



# Creating an Account in a Database

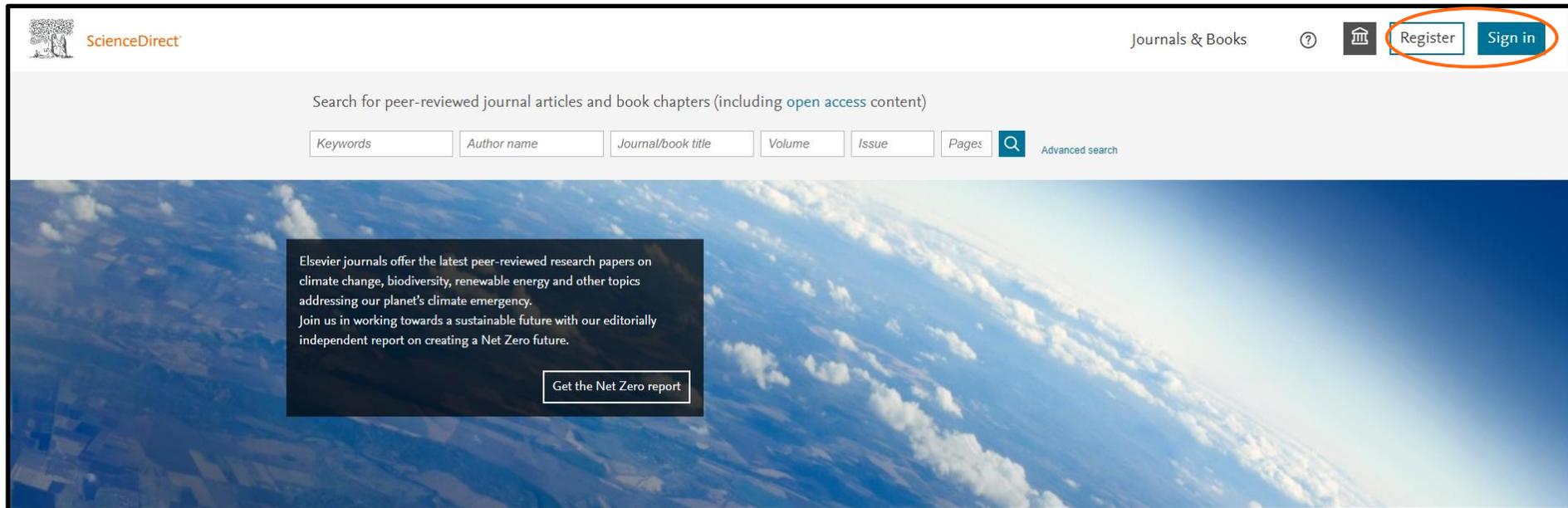
Creating a personal account in a database allows you to:

- Save articles to folders
- Save and reuse searches
- Create and manage search and journal alerts



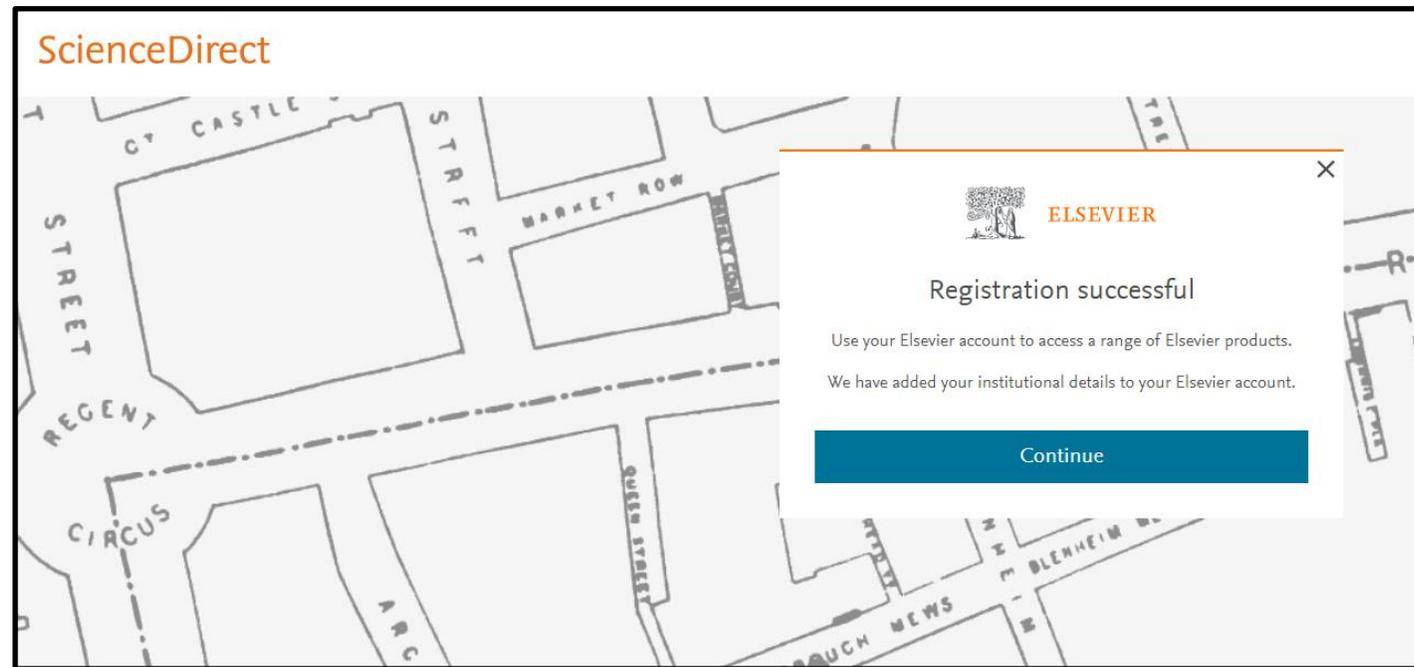
# Creating an Account: ScienceDirect

In most databases, there is a button at the top of the page to sign in or register. This is how the options appear in the database ScienceDirect, below.



# How to Create an Account

After selecting Registration, you will be prompted to enter your email address. If given the option, use your SMU email address to ensure complete access.



# Saving Searches and Creating Search Alerts

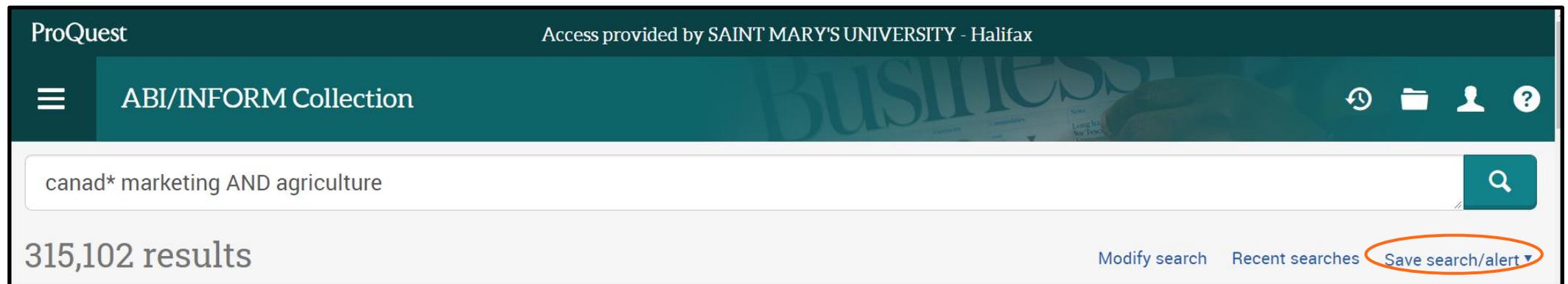
You can run your saved searches at any time. You can also combine saved searches with other searches.

A search alert will run a saved search at a specific time interval of your choosing and email the results to the email address used for your account.



# Saving Searches: ABI/INFORM

In the database ABI/INFORM, there is a box to the top right of the search results page called “Save search/alert”. This allows you to name your saved search and set time intervals for the search to be run automatically.



The screenshot shows the ProQuest interface for the ABI/INFORM Collection. At the top, it says "ProQuest" and "Access provided by SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY - Halifax". Below that, the "ABI/INFORM Collection" is displayed. A search bar contains the query "canad\* marketing AND agriculture" with a search icon to the right. Below the search bar, it shows "315,102 results". In the bottom right corner, there are three links: "Modify search", "Recent searches", and "Save search/alert" (which is circled in orange). There are also several icons in the top right corner, including a refresh icon, a folder icon, a user icon, and a help icon.

# Saved Searches Page: ABI/INFORM

You can access your saved searches at any time. In ABI/INFORM, **Saved searches** is found under the person icon in the top right corner. Other databases may use different icons or words.



The screenshot displays the ProQuest interface for the ABI/INFORM Collection. At the top, the ProQuest logo is on the left, and the text "Access provided by SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY - Halifax" is on the right. Below this, the "ABI/INFORM Collection" title is shown on the left, and a navigation bar on the right contains icons for a refresh button, a folder, a person icon (circled in orange), and a help icon. The main content area is titled "My Research" and includes a list of items: "Documents (0)", "Searches (1)", "Alerts (0)", "RSS feeds (0)", "Widgets", and "Account".

# Saved Searches Page Continued

The **Saved searches** page allows you to edit your searches, create email alerts, and more.

### Saved searches (1)

Combine selected searches with  And  Or [Search](#)

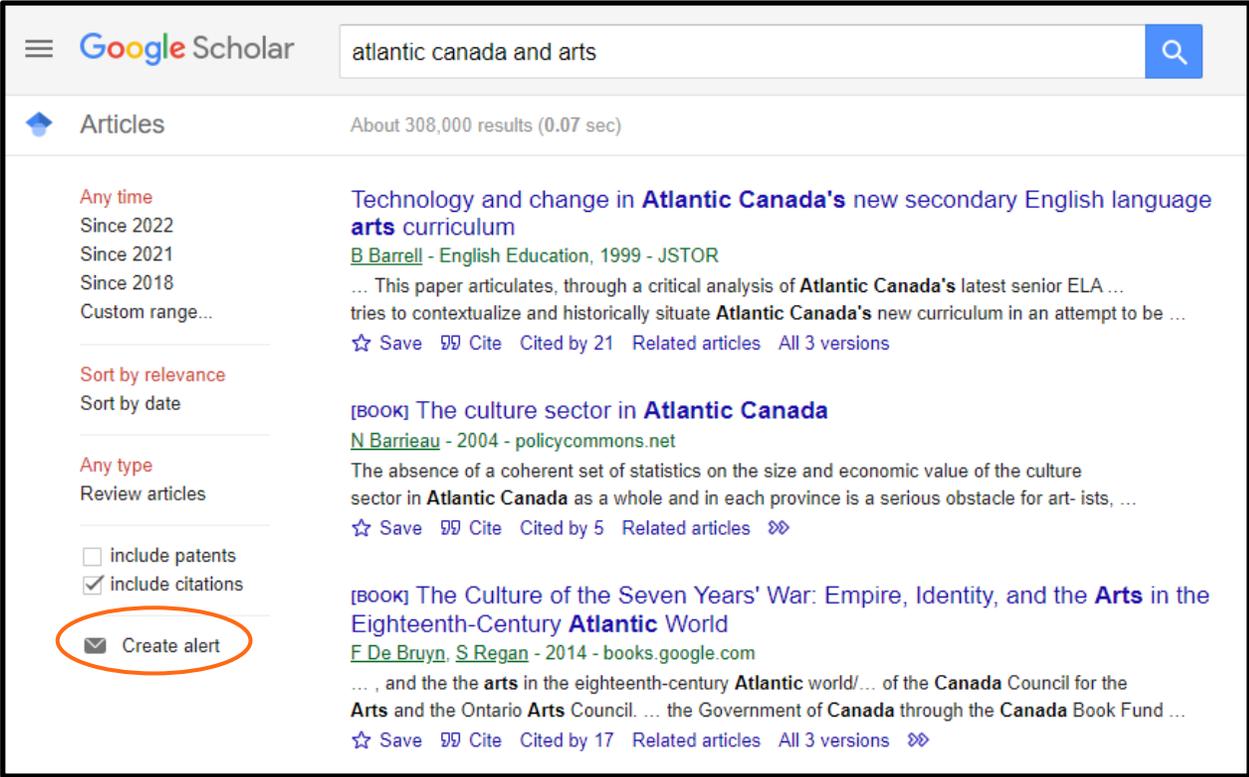
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Select items 1-1 [Delete](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Name:	Canadian Agriculture Marketing <a href="#">Edit name</a>
	Searched for:	canad* marketing AND agriculture
	Databases:	ABI/INFORM Collection
	Notes:	Marketing plans for Canadian agricultural busin...
	Saved:	July 25 2022
	<a href="#">Modify Search</a>	<a href="#">Delete</a> <a href="#">Create alert</a> <a href="#">Create RSS feed</a> <a href="#">Get link</a>

# Creating Search Alerts in Google Scholar

You can also create search alerts in [Google Scholar](#). Select the **Create alert** option to the left of your search results.



The screenshot shows the Google Scholar interface for a search query "atlantic canada and arts". The search results are displayed in a list format. On the left side, there are filters for time, sorting, and type. The "Create alert" option is highlighted with a red circle. The search results include three articles, each with a title, author, and a brief description.

Google Scholar

atlantic canada and arts

Articles About 308,000 results (0.07 sec)

Any time  
Since 2022  
Since 2021  
Since 2018  
Custom range...

Sort by relevance  
Sort by date

Any type  
Review articles

include patents  
 include citations  
 Create alert

Technology and change in **Atlantic Canada's** new secondary English language **arts** curriculum  
B Barrell - English Education, 1999 - JSTOR  
... This paper articulates, through a critical analysis of **Atlantic Canada's** latest senior ELA ...  
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N Barrieau - 2004 - policycommons.net  
The absence of a coherent set of statistics on the size and economic value of the culture  
sector in **Atlantic Canada** as a whole and in each province is a serious obstacle for art- ists, ...  
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Eighteenth-Century **Atlantic World**  
F De Bruyn, S Regan - 2014 - books.google.com  
... , and the the **arts** in the eighteenth-century **Atlantic world**/... of the **Canada** Council for the  
**Arts** and the Ontario **Arts** Council. ... the Government of **Canada** through the **Canada** Book Fund ...  
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# Google Scholar Continued

Google Scholar

Alerts

Alert query: "atlantic canada" and arts

Email: firstname.lastname@gmail.com

Type:  Most relevant results  All results

[Update results](#) [CREATE ALERT](#)

**Sample results from the last 3 months:**

[DISCIPLESHIP METHODS AND PRACTICES WITHIN THE YOUTH MINISTRIES OF THE CONVENTION OF ATLANTIC BAPTIST CHURCHES \(1945-2010\)](#)  
DO Stairs - 2022  
... within the Canadian Baptists of **Atlantic Canada** (1945-2010) reveal about the presence or absence of the key markers of a discipling youth ministry as identified through the lens of the theological turn? I critically examine Canadian Baptists of ...

[From the Kitchen Floor to the Gallery Wall: A Study of Atlantic Canadian Hooked Rugs and Their Makers](#)  
R Carr - 2022  
... This paper presents both the history of rug hooking in **Atlantic Canada** as well as the contemporary ... This paper presents a multilayered study of **Atlantic Canada** vernacular and craft culture ... of contemporary textile art and craft in **Atlantic Canada** ...

[\[HTML\] Annual Report on Official Languages 2020–2021](#)  
C Heritage - 2022  
... \$26,993,347: Total Canada Council for the **Arts** funding to community **artists** and **arts** organizations, a 17.7% increase in funding to ... This year, ACOA projects approved under the EDI impacted several OLMCs in **Atlantic Canada** as envisioned ...

Google will create an alert from your search and show you sample results. You may use any email address you wish.

# Journal Alerts

Journal alerts will notify you when a new issue or volume is added to the database. Like search alerts, you will be notified through the email that is attached to your account.

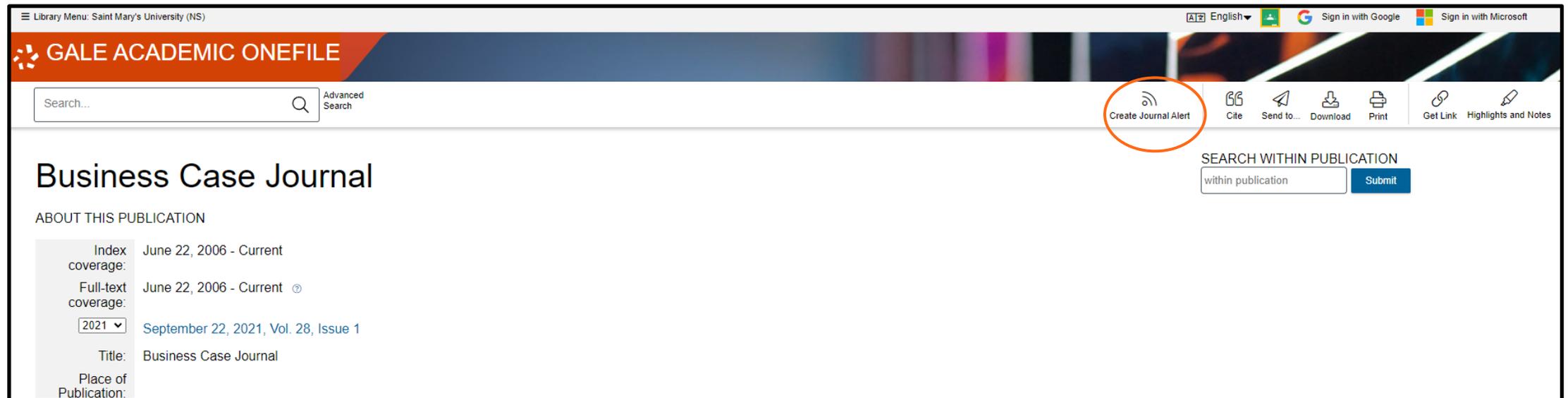


Image Source: OpenClipArt



# Setting up Journal Alerts

When viewing a journal, look for a button that says, “Create Journal Alert” (or a similar phrase), such as this example from Gale Academic OneFile.



The screenshot shows the Gale Academic OneFile interface for the 'Business Case Journal'. The top navigation bar includes the 'GALE ACADEMIC ONEFILE' logo, a search bar, and user options like 'Sign in with Google' and 'Sign in with Microsoft'. A toolbar on the right contains icons for 'Create Journal Alert' (circled in orange), 'Cite', 'Send to...', 'Download', 'Print', 'Get Link', and 'Highlights and Notes'. The main content area displays the journal title and 'ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION' details, including index and full-text coverage from 2006 to the present, and a specific issue from 2021.

Library Menu: Saint Mary's University (NS) English Sign in with Google Sign in with Microsoft

GALE ACADEMIC ONEFILE

Search... Advanced Search

Create Journal Alert Cite Send to... Download Print Get Link Highlights and Notes

Business Case Journal

SEARCH WITHIN PUBLICATION  
within publication Submit

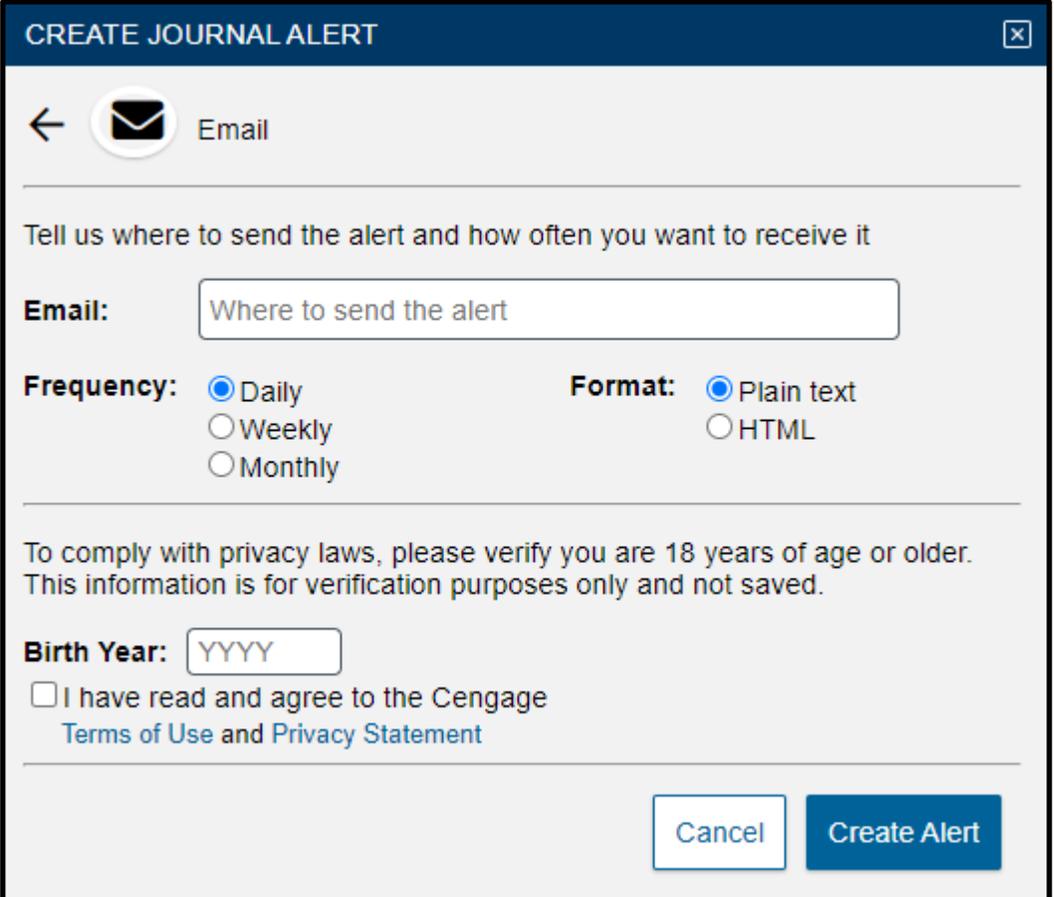
ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

Index coverage: June 22, 2006 - Current  
Full-text coverage: June 22, 2006 - Current  
2021 September 22, 2021, Vol. 28, Issue 1  
Title: Business Case Journal  
Place of Publication:

# Gale Academic OneFile: Journal Alert

This window will provide you with some options for the alert, such as how long the alert will stay active.

After reviewing these options, simply select “Create Alert”.



The screenshot shows a web interface for creating a journal alert. The window title is "CREATE JOURNAL ALERT". Below the title is a navigation bar with a back arrow and an "Email" icon. The main content area is titled "Tell us where to send the alert and how often you want to receive it". It contains the following fields and options:

- Email:** A text input field with the placeholder text "Where to send the alert".
- Frequency:** Three radio button options: "Daily" (selected), "Weekly", and "Monthly".
- Format:** Two radio button options: "Plain text" (selected) and "HTML".
- Birth Year:** A text input field with the placeholder text "YYYY".
- Agreement:** A checkbox labeled "I have read and agree to the Cengage Terms of Use and Privacy Statement".

At the bottom right of the window are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Create Alert".

# Let's Review!

Creating your own account in a database will allow you to save searches as well as create search and journal alerts.

You can run saved searches at any time. You can also combine saved searches with other searches.



# Why Create Alerts?

Search and journal alerts will send you scheduled updates when new search results or new issues of journals are added to the database.

These alerts can be very useful when doing large amounts of research on a topic over an extended time period.



# Congratulations!

You have now completed the tutorial on saving searches, creating search alerts, and creating journal alerts!

If you have any questions, contact the [Research Help Team](#) and we will be glad to help.



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