

To: Incoming Graduate Students
From: Your Chemistry Librarian

Welcome to UCSD. As some of you may already be on campus, here's the key library information you need to get started before the September orientation.

- **Consultations**

If you want to meet for an individual consultation to find out more about the resources and services available, please contact me at tmvogel@ucsd.edu to set up an appointment.

- **Chemistry Research Guide:** <http://libguides.ucsd.edu/chemistry>

Resources for chemistry and biochemistry research: article databases, encyclopedias and other reference works, ebook collections, current awareness tools, resources for writing and presenting, etc.

- **Borrowing Books:** <http://roger.ucsd.edu/>

Your library account should already be set up, and your UCSD ID is your borrowing card. You can access the online to renew books and place holds (<http://roger.ucsd.edu/patroninfo>). Most of the physical science and engineering books are housed in the compact shelving in the east wing, first floor of the Geisel Library Building, with some of the biochemistry books held at the Biomedical Library Building. The Geisel books can be checked out for one year, the ones at Biomed can be checked out for 28 days. You can also place a request to "recall" a checked out book, and others can recall books you've checked out.

Most of our ebooks are also in the library catalog, even though there isn't a physical copy. These can be accessed 24/7, with chapters in most of the collections downloadable as PDFs.

- **Remote Access and Campus Wifi:**

To use our licensed electronic resources (databases, ejournals, ebooks) from off campus, you must be authenticated as a UCSD student. There are two ways to do this:

- o **Proxy Server** - <http://blink.ucsd.edu/technology/network/connections/off-campus/proxy/index.html>
Makes a change to your web browser settings. Easiest to set up.

- o **VPN** - <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/vpn>
Download the VPN AnyConnect client software to your computer. Once installed and you connect, select "althruucsd" for the group name.
---You can also install VPN on your mobile devices.
---(There is a "WebVPN" option, but it's not compatible with some of our databases.)

For wifi on campus, select the UCSD-Protected network and not the guest network. (<http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/wireless>)

- **SciFinder.** Registration link: http://www.cdlib.org/services/collections/scifinder/campuses/scifinder_ucsd.html

If you had a SciFinder account at your previous university, even another UC campus, you'll need to create a new username/password. Go to the SciFinder Scholar Registration link on this page to begin. Use your UCSD e-mail address, and check the spam folder if you don't receive your confirmation immediately. More about SciFinder:

<http://libguides.ucsd.edu/scifinder>

- o While SciFinder is not the only database we have to access the chemical literature, it is one of the core resources and the only one that requires an additional account registration and login.

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions about library services or resources.

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