

## **ACCESS SCIFINDER DATABASE**

Chemical Abstract Service (CAS), a Division of the American Chemical Society is pleased to provide the University of Nairobi access to **1,550 free searches to SciFinder** on trial basis.

SciFinder is a research discovery tool that allows one to explore the comprehensive and authoritative CAS databases. It provides a means for searching for chemical compounds, reactions, thereby providing exceptional way to search for references, substances and reactions in pharmacy, Chemistry and related sciences.

The trial will also include access to PatentPak™, a new patent workflow solution available as a supplement to SciFinder. PatentPak gives users instant access to hard-to-find-Chemistry in full-text patents directly in SciFinder.

Via a self registration process, users will have a unique user name and password and must register using their own university email domain address.

Students and faculty will be able to self-register for SciFinder using the following URL –

<https://scifinder.cas.org/registration/index.html?corpKey=CB7582CCX86F35055X1EBB293940A8984A25>

The database is particularly relevant to departments in the College of Health Sciences (CHS), College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS) College of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS) and Kenya Science Campus

**The trial ends on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

## **How To Register to Use SciFinder®**

### Introduction

SciFinder's web-based user registration form allows you to create your own SciFinder username and password.

The URL for the form is provided by your institution's SciFinder administrator or librarian.

**Note:** The registration form must be used from an IP address specified by the SciFinder administrator or librarian at your institution.

After you submit the form, CAS sends you an e-mail message with instructions for completing the registration process. Therefore, you must have an e-mail address with your organization's e-mail domain.

#### Access User Registration

1. Use the URL provided by your SciFinder administrator to access the SciFinder user registration web page.
2. Click Next
3. Click on the "Accept" button to accept User Registration Terms and Conditions or click on "Decline" if you do not.

#### Enter Contact Information

1. Enter your contact information. While only your name and e-mail address are required, the additional information will help CAS better understand SciFinder users, allowing us to improve the products and services we offer.

2. Specify a username and password.

Your username must be unique and contain 5-15 characters. It can contain only letters or a combination of letters, numbers, and/or these special characters:

- - (dash)
- \_ (underscore)
- . (period)
- @ (at symbol)

Your password must contain 7-15 characters and include at least three of the following:

- Letters
- Mixed upper- and lowercase letters
- Numbers
- Non-alphanumeric characters (e.g., @, #, %, &, \*)

3. Select a security question from the drop-down list and provide the answer.

4. Click Register

A message indicates that you will receive an e-mail message from CAS at the address you provided within the form.

#### Complete Registration Process

1. Open and read the e-mail message from CAS.

Note: If you have not received an e-mail from CAS within 30 minutes after submitting your Self-Registration form, the CAS e-mail may have been diverted into your “spam” folder by your e-mail or your institution’s e-mail “spam filter”.  
Check any local spam filter file and/or contact your institution’s IT help desk.

2. Click the link within the e-mail message to complete the registration process. A confirmation page is displayed.

3. Click the link provided in the confirmation page to begin working with SciFinder.

Note: If you access SciFinder via proxy server or VPN, please contact your SciFinder Administrator or your institution’s librarian for the appropriate SciFinder URL.

#### Tips

If you wish to bookmark the SciFinder login page, click on Bookmark this page while the login page is displayed. You will need to edit the bookmark so that only the “base URL”, <http://scifinder.cas.org>, is saved in the bookmark.

If you receive a message, “all resources are in use...”, when you login to SciFinder, that means that all of your institution’s licensed seats are being used by other SciFinder users at your institution.

Wait a few minutes and try again. If the problem persists, contact your institution’s SciFinder administrator or librarian (your library’s web site may have your SciFinder administrator or librarian’s contact information).