Goal today:
Investigate various methods for keeping up to date with information in your field
- Set up alerts to follow keywords, authors and journals
- Discuss researcher communities and when they may be useful

Content:
1. Introduction
2. How to set up Alerts to follow topics, authors and journals
3. Researcher communities, issues and challenges
4. Questions/comments

Introduction:
Why is keeping up-to-date important to you right now?

Keeping up to date Library Guide:
Research guides → Guides for researchers → Keeping up to date

Alerts
What is an alert? Alert = resources are sent to you (email)
- come from the databases you use, to your email.
- You can use these tools to keep up to date with:
  - The latest articles on a topic
  - The latest table of contents from a journal
  - The latest author activities
  - The latest citation alerts (on a document or as a citation for an author)

RSS Feeds –
RSS = you go to a central ‘store’ of resources (a reader) - will show this is possible, for specific information, look at the Library guide.

Scopus
Scopus allows you to set up email alerts and rss for:
- latest articles on a topic
- latest author documents
- latest citations

Search Alerts
i. Log in to your Scopus account
ii. Search a topic:
iii. At the top of the results list you can select the RSS feed icon or ‘Set alert’ for emails on this search topic:

Alert – select your preferences e.g. how frequent, day of the week, which email address ...
RSS – follow the prompts and copy and paste the RSS feed URL into your RSS reader.

Document Citation Alerts
i. Click on ‘Set document alert’ for email alerts when this author publishes a new document in Scopus. (select the RSS option if preferred).
Also note the metrics box
Select “view all metrics” to see full activity – notice how this leads you to people who are interested in this topic and talking about it. We will come back to this shortly

**Author Citation Alerts**

i. from an article (or author search): click on an author name.
Exercise (5 mins)

Set up email alerts for the topics, authors or citations you are interested in.

Journal TOCs

Latest articles from a Journal

i. From the guide I am ... a researcher >> keep up to date >> JournalTOCs

ii. Login or register and create an account (top right hand corner)

ii. Search or browse for journals and tick any you would like to follow; this automatically adds it to your list of Followed Journals

iii. Click on your Followed Journals under your login to view them
v. To be emailed when new issues are published, make sure Email Alerts is On
Note: you may be able to follow the Table of Contents directly from a journal’s homepage.

Exercise (5 mins)
Set up email alerts in your favourite database for information you would like to receive.
Notice what alerts the database offers – not all will have all functions (citation alerts, metrics etc)

Other ways to keep up-to-date

Discussion
Join with one or two other people. Discuss and write (5 mins)
- Your stage of research and
- Ways you already use to keep up to date. Think of digital and non-digital means.
- Any issues or challenges? Suggestions to share?

There are many other ways to keep in contact with other researchers and with news about research in your field.
- Finding an entry point. What do you already have? Who are the key people in your field?
What are issues you see with all this information? – e.g. focussing or filtering the shear volume of stuff. Discuss ways in which you may overcome or deal with this.

Examples are:

Social media – Many journals have social media accounts which you can follow, or use to share articles.

Twitter, LinkedIn – you can join groups on LinkedIn, follow people and organisations on Twitter. You can search the social media itself, or find an entry point through journals/databases. (For example the metrics page on Scopus)

Altmetrics – show social media mentions – many databases are now supplying these. A possible entry point into who is talking about the material or topics of interest to you.

Reference managers – e.g. Zotero, Mendeley, Readcube – will send suggestions based on your searches, or have groups you can join, or you can form your own groups with people you know from anywhere in the world.

All of these connect you with Researcher communities – some places are specifically just for researchers e.g. ResearchGate, FigShare, and …?

Do you have others? Send them to us – we will share them on the Library Guide.

4. Questions and recap.

Further help
Keeping up to date Library guide: http://aut.ac.nz.libguides.com/uptodate
Other help for researchers: https://library.aut.ac.nz/i-am/a-researcher
Your Liaison Librarian: https://library.aut.ac.nz/locations-and-contact/liaison-librarians