Top 3 best things to do with Altmetric (for students)

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Altmetric track who is talking about research papers and what they are saying. It constantly monitors social media sites, blog posts, news stories, Wikipedia, policy documents and other sources for mentions of research papers.

To access Altmetric for Institutions:

- In the LLC web page, select the Resources tab, then Find Resources, select A-Z list of online resources, choose A, then Altmetric for Institutions. Enter your University e-mail address and click sign in – you should then be taken to the University’s institutional sign-in page, where you can enter your usual password.

Top 3 Best

1. Find research in your discipline that is trending
2. Find what attention your lecturer/supervisor’s papers are receiving
3. Get notified when selected research papers are mentioned

About Altmetric for Institutions

You can see the ‘Altmetric Attention Score’ for an individual research paper by clicking on the Altmetric donut wherever you see it, for example in Discovery or a publisher web site. The Altmetric Attention Score is a weighted metric that is based on counts of mentions in the various sources Altmetric tracks.

Altmetric for Institutions at Dundee is a service that helps you monitor the attention research papers (and other research outputs) are receiving on the web. You can browse the data for all of Dundee’s (and others’) research papers, create and save reports, set-up email alerts for new activity, and export data to Excel. More information available at: http://libguides.dundee.ac.uk/altmetric.
1. Find research in your discipline that is trending

- Link to Altmetric for Institutions
- By default, you will see the list of Dundee’s articles
- At the top of the screen, click on the Edit search option

- In the Advanced Search screen which appears, tick the Full Altmetric database box

You can search for articles in various ways.

- For example, to find articles on a topic and see which have been receiving attention recently:

  - Enter your keywords:
    - For example: face facial
    - Altmetric looks for either term
    - Choose a timeframe:
    - Select an ‘Altmetric mentions during’ option
    - For example, 1 week

  - Click on Run Search.

Your search will run and within a couple of seconds you will see the list of results, in order of the Altmetric Attention Score. Click on the coloured donuts for details of the mentions.
2. Find what attention your lecturer/supervisor’s papers are receiving

- Link to Altmetric for Institutions
- In the Quick search box at the top of the screen, start typing the author name
- Altmetric will suggest matching Dundee authors
- Click on the author name to see their Altmetric Explorer profile
- Click on any of the tabs to see more detailed information (Research Outputs, Timeline, Demographics, Mentions, Journals)

- In Research Outputs, click on the donuts to see more details

In the details panel, use the tabs along the top to view the individual mentions by type

For example, a list of all the mentions in News outlets

New Potential Treatment for Visceral Leishmaniasis Identified

by Colleen Fleiss on July 28, 2018 at 10:31 PM Research News

Scientists have discovered a novel preclinical candidate drug with the potential to treat visceral leishmaniasis. The study was carried out through a close collaboration between the University of Dundee, GSK and Wellcome.
• Altmetric knows which articles are Dundee’s because Dundee send records from Discovery on a weekly basis to Altmetric and they track any items that have a DOI or Discovery URL or PubMed ID.
• Because Altmetric is only updated with Dundee data weekly, the most recent papers may not yet appear in your author name search results. The papers may still be tracked (but not yet verified as Dundee’s). For recent papers change your search to the Full Database.

3. Get notified when selected research papers are mentioned

• Link to Altmetric for Institutions
• Click on the Edit Search link below the main search box
• In the Advanced Search panel:
  o Enter your search, for example, Keywords or Author name
  o Choose a time period from the Mentioned during drop-down menu, for example, the past week
  o Click Search

• Select the Save Search button under the main search box (do this even if the search found no results – going forward you want to track future mentions of articles)

• The search is automatically added to your Saved Searches folder on the left hand side
• Click on the Save Searches icon
• Click Daily, Weekly or Monthly to choose how often you will receive email notifications
• You will be sent regular email notifications with details of any recent mentions of research papers matching your search criteria

Click on the Explore icon to return to the search screen