Hi everyone,

I wanted to make you aware of a great service that is offered with EBSCO databases called “My EBSCOhost”.

You can set up “Search Alerts” and “Journal Alerts” to help keep you informed on the topic(s) of your interest. The idea is that instead of going out and looking for certain information, that certain information gets pushed to you through your email. It is a very handy tool to use when you are doing extended research.

What you do is you create a personal account with My EBSCOhost and set up automated search alerts within the EBSCO databases (you tell EBSCO what to search in what database and how often to search it and EBSCO will email you the results)

For example, I have set up for myself an automated search alert for the following search in the ERIC and also the ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER databases:

SUBJECT: DISTANCE EDUCATION

AND

SUBJECT: COLLEGE FACULTY

EBSCO conducts this search automatically for me biweekly, (you could also choose once a month, once a week, or once a day). IF anything has been added to the database on this topic EBSCO will email me and give me links to the record (and to the full text if it is available). On such a timely topic I like to be kept up to date on what is being written.

I have also set up an automated journal alert for myself for the journal: Educational Research. Now, every time a new issue of Educational Research is added to the Academic Search Premier database EBSCO sends me an email with all the articles listed (the Table of Contents) and also links to the full text of the articles.

Here is how I did it:

Go to an EBSCO database. I started at the Education Databases page of the Egan Library website: http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library/search/databases/education.html

I identified an EBSCO database (in this case it is Academic Search Premier) but you could also go to Professional Development Collection, ERIC or others.

I clicked the link to Academic Search Premier.

Once I added my UAS login information I was brought to the search screen.

I clicked on the green PUBLICATIONS button towards the top of the screen so that I could see what journals could be found in this database.
I typed the words EDUCATION RESEARCH in the search cell next to Browse Publications and chose the radio button “By Subject & Description.”

I then had a list of educational research publications from this database (some of the results weren’t so exact). I clicked the link to Educational Research to find out more about this publication:

Educational Psychology
Bibliographic Records: 03/01/1990 to present; Full Text: 03/01/1990 to present (with a 6 Month delay)
*Full text delay due to publisher restrictions (“embargo”)
Notes: This title is not held locally
PDF Full Text; HTML Full Text

Educational Research
Bibliographic Records: 06/01/1993 to present; Full Text: 06/01/1993 to present (with a 12 Month delay)
*Full text delay due to publisher restrictions (“embargo”)
Notes: This title is not held locally
PDF Full Text; HTML Full Text

Educational Research & Evaluation
Bibliographic Records: 03/01/1997 to present; Full Text: 03/01/1997 to present (with a 6 Month delay)
*Full text delay due to publisher restrictions (“embargo”)
Notes: This title is not held locally
PDF Full Text

That brought me to the page for this journal in the Academic Search Premier database.

This page has all of the information about the journal and the list of issues that you can start browsing through the journal online. There is also a link in the upper right hand corner of the page called Journal Alert. Click here to set up a Journal Alert.
My EBSCOhost will give you a place to login. If you have never signed up before, click on I'm a new user.

Fill in the personal information to create an account for yourself.

Once this is done you are prompted to set up the terms of your Journal Alert:

Choose how long you want to get the alerts for, provide the email address where you want them sent, give the alert a title and select “Article links embedded within the e-mail message”. Do this for as many journals as you want to keep up-to-date with. It is so easy and it is a great perk to get it delivered to your email inbox. Enjoy!