

ACCESSING SCIFINDER-N

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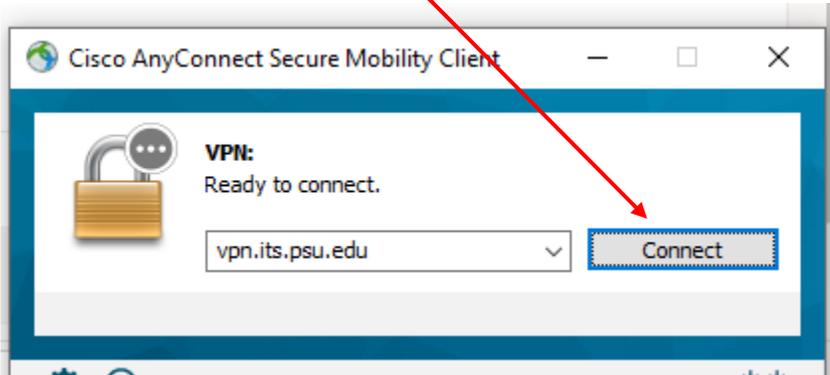
Most of our databases don't require you to use VPN, but if you want to access SciFinder-n, you need to download and install VPN on your computer.

STEP 1: You can get your VPN at <https://softwarerequest.psu.edu/> It may ask you to go through the authentication process again.

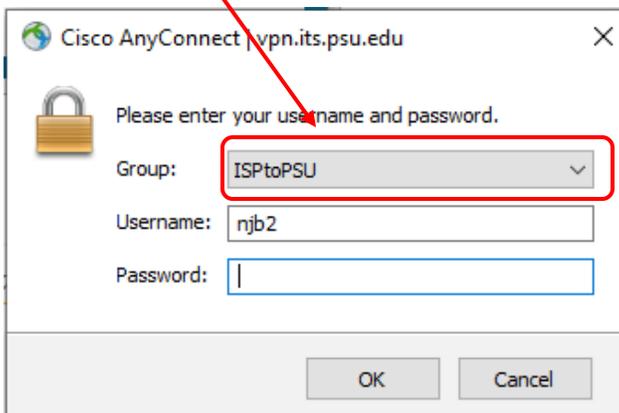
NOTE: If you have a VPN from another institution, it won't work for this. **You need to have the VPN software that Penn State uses.**

Once you have VPN installed on your computer, you may need to click on the Windows icon in the lower left corner of your computer (assuming its running Windows 10). That brings up your directory. It may be under "Recently added" or you may need to go down the list to "Cisco" to find it. (I right-clicked on the icon and then on "More" and pinned it to my taskbar so that it's always easy to get to.)

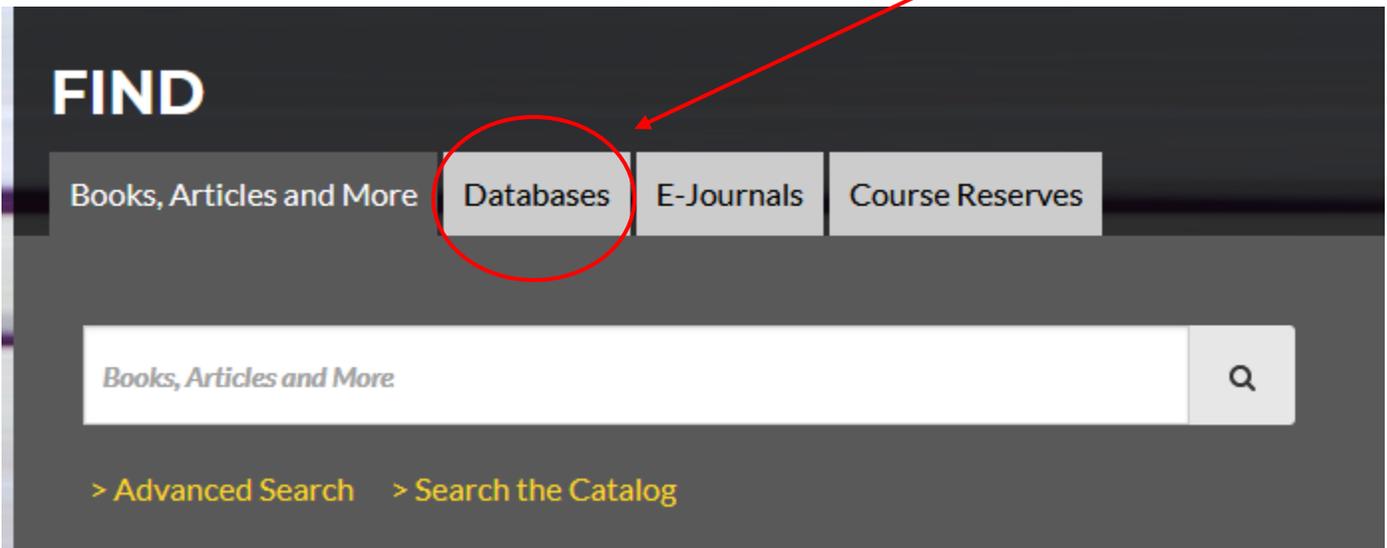
Once you left click on the icon, you'll see this pop up somewhere on your screen. (On mine, it's in the lower right corner). **Click "Connect."**



You'll get another pop-up box that looks like this. **You'll need to change the Group. Click on the down arrow and select LIASVPN.** Then enter your password and click OK.



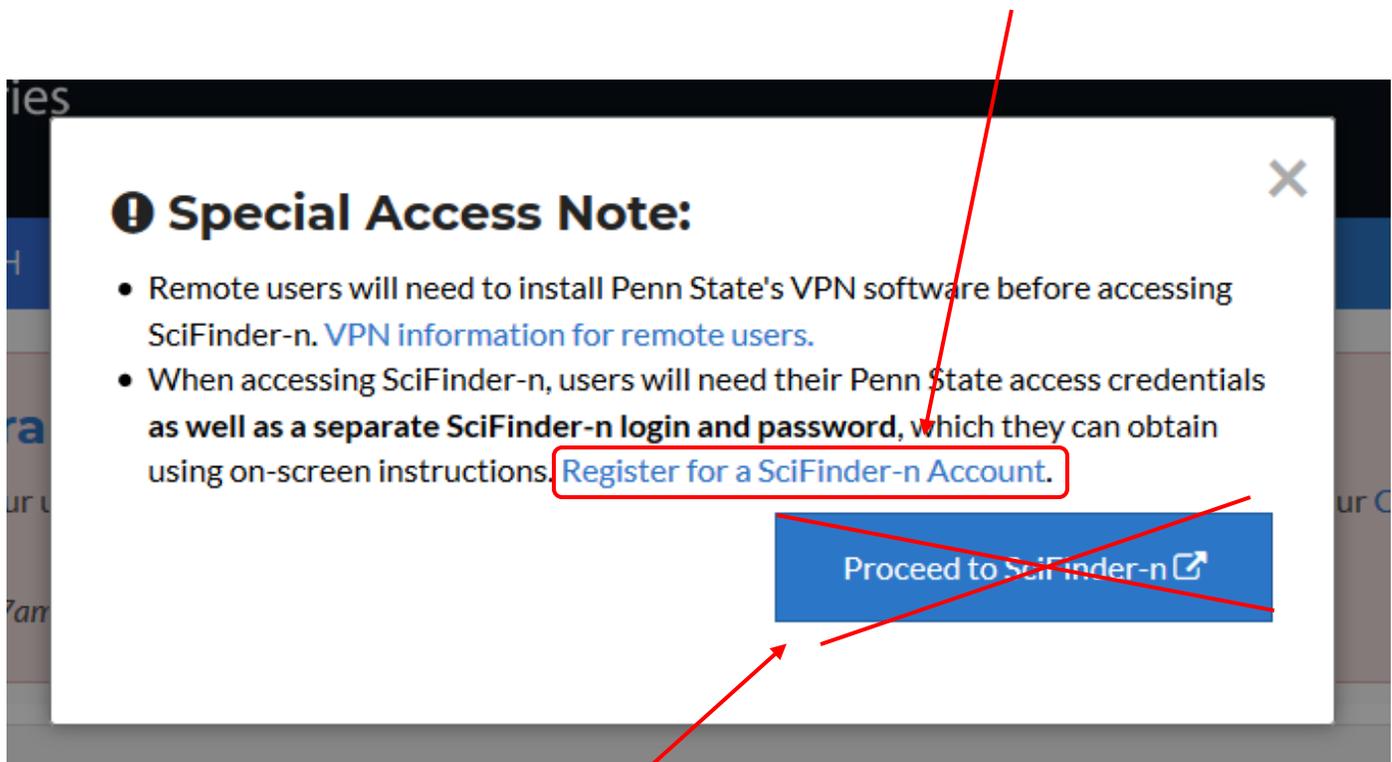
STEP 2: Go to the Libraries homepage at <https://libraries.psu.edu/> In the “FIND” box, change the tab to “Databases” and select SciFinder-n from the list.



When you select SciFinder-n off the database list, you'll get this pop-up window.

NOTE: If you aren't already logged in as a PSU user, you'll be asked to enter your PSU userid and password and then go through the dual authentication process. Once that's complete, you'll be taken to the SciFinder-n page where you'll see the following message.

If you haven't registered as a SciFinder-n user, you'll need to first click on the “Register for a SciFinder-n Account.”



You won't need this until after you've registered.

That should take you to a screen that looks like this.



Welcome to SciFinder®

SciFinder® provides access to the world's most comprehensive and reliable collection of scientific research information.

We're going to register you as a new user.

Next

Click on **Next** in the purple bar and just follow the on-screen instructions. Once you're done, you should be able to access SciFinder-n.

After you've finished with this, then you should be able to access SciFinder-n. Go back to the Databases list and select the SciFinder-n link. When you see this pop up, **click on the blue "Proceed to SciFinder-n" box.**

! Special Access Note:

- Remote users will need to install Penn State's VPN software before accessing SciFinder-n. [VPN information for remote users.](#)
- When accessing SciFinder-n, users will need their Penn State access credentials as well as a separate SciFinder-n login and password, which they can obtain using on-screen instructions. [Register for a SciFinder-n Account.](#)

Proceed to SciFinder-n