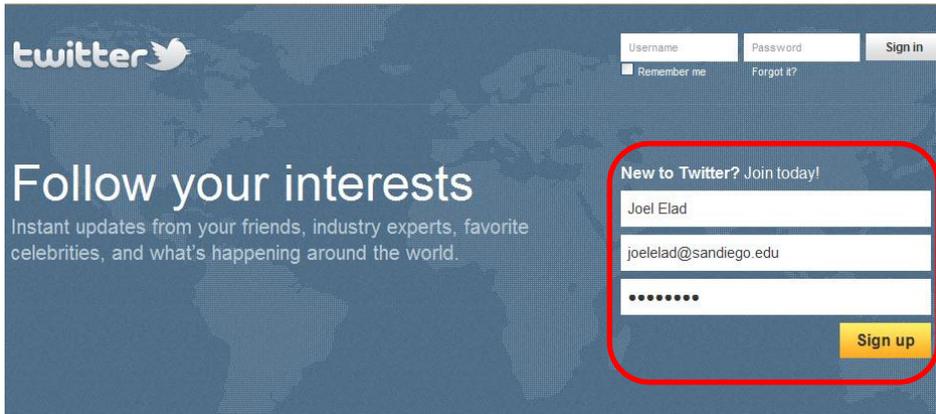
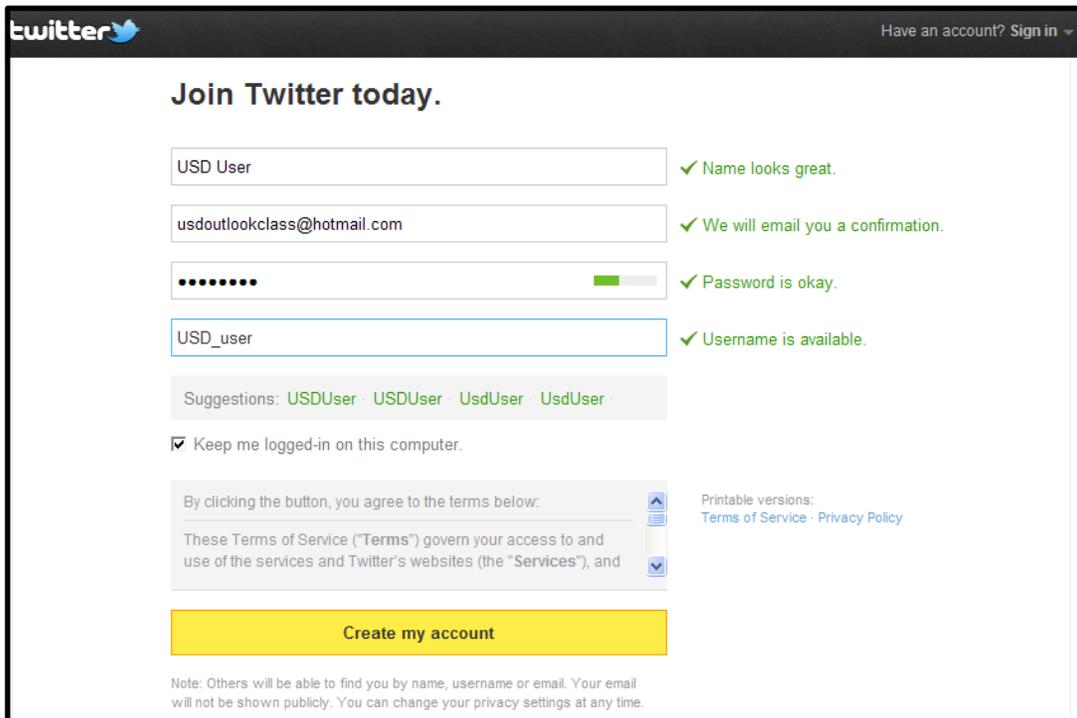


How to Create an Account on Twitter

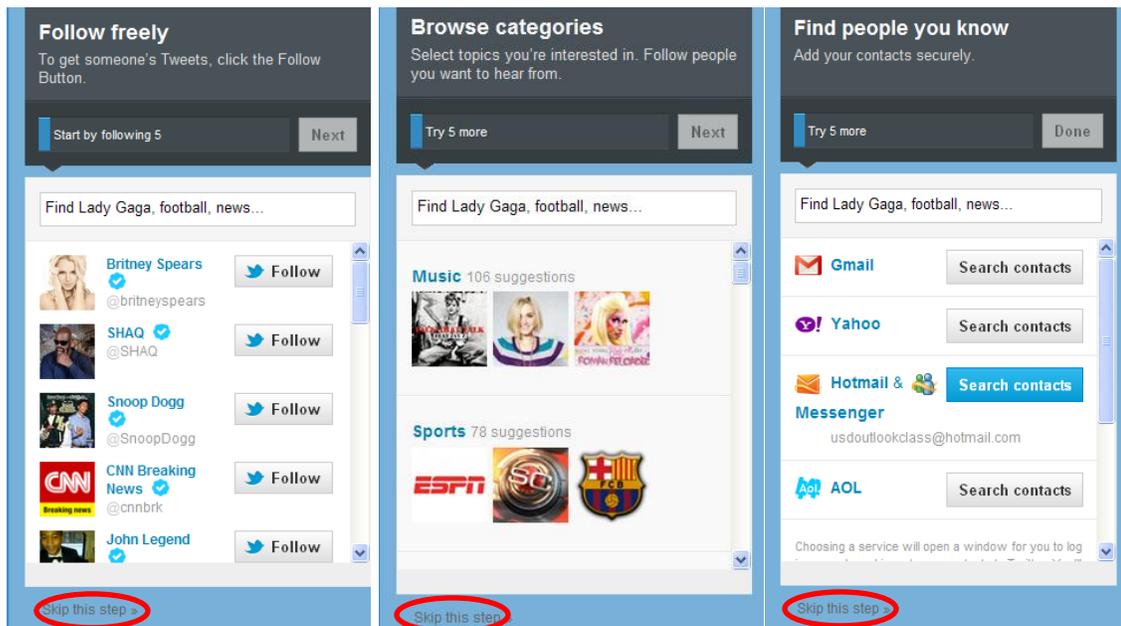
1. Go to Twitter's home page at www.twitter.com.
2. Enter your name, e-mail address, and create a password for yourself in the boxes provided. Then click Sign Up.



3. Twitter will verify whether the password you created for your account is valid for their system. (Twitter uses a few password rules so people will have passwords that aren't easily hacked or stolen.) They will also recommend a UserID for you, which will be your "handle" when you tweet. You can accept the proposed UserID or edit it to reflect your interests, nickname, or identity. Each UserID has to be unique, so when you come up with your own UserID, Twitter has to check to make sure no one else has registered that ID before.



4. **Click Create my account** to start the process. Twitter will show you examples of what a tweet looks like (see below) and then help you build a follower list by recommending popular celebrities, searching your interests, or even checking your e-mail account to see which of your friends or colleagues use Twitter.

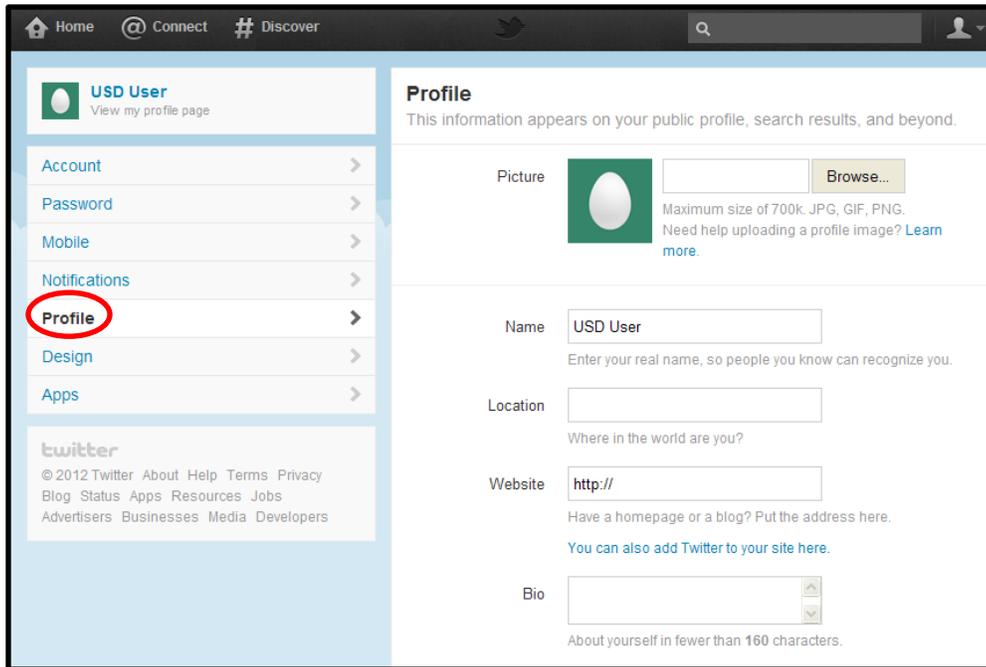


At any stage of this setup process, **you can click the Skip this step link** found at the bottom of the screen (You may have to scroll down to see it) and pick people to follow later.

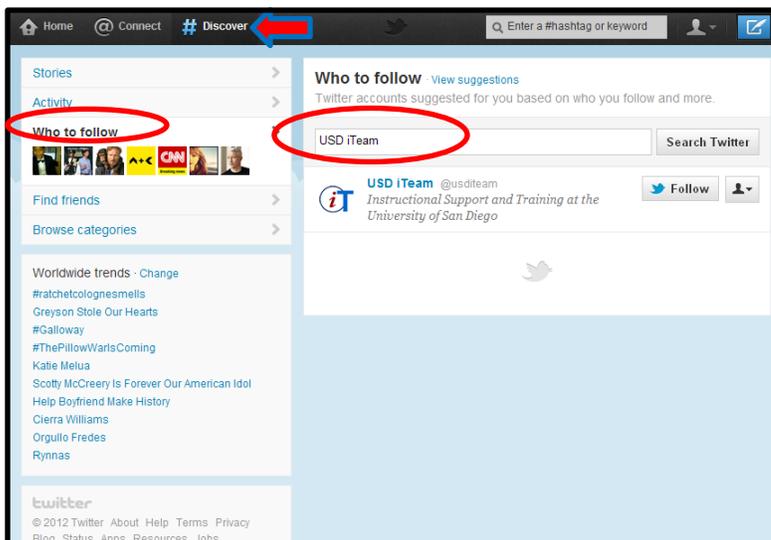
5. Twitter will send you an e-mail with a confirmation link. **Once you log onto your e-mail account and click that link, you will be directed back to Twitter** so you can update your profile.
6. **Click on the person icon in the top right corner and select Settings** to take you to your Settings page.

7. From your Settings page, **click on Profile** so you can update some important account info:

- **Profile picture:** Click the Browse button to upload a GIF or JPG of you for your account. The file size needs to be 700K or less in size, and the height and width dimensions should be the same, since the picture is displayed as a square.
- **Location and Website:** You can enter your city and state, and promote any website of yours that you'd like, which includes your academic profile, blog, or LinkedIn profile.
- **Bio:** Twitter allows you to write a bio of 160 characters, so choose your words carefully.



8. Scroll down and **click Save Changes** to update your profile. From the top menu, **click #Discover** to find people you want to follow on Twitter. Click on **Who to follow**, and then **use the search box** to type in interests, such as “USD iTeam”, for example.



9. As you find other Twitter users to follow, a good tip is to see which Twitter accounts they are following, and follow those accounts as well. When you look at their profile, **click on their “Following” link** to review the accounts they choose to follow.

The screenshot displays the Twitter profile for USD iTeam (@usditeam). The profile header includes the account name, handle, bio, and location. The bio states: "Instructional Support and Training at the University of San Diego" with a link to "http://www.sandiego.edu/ITS/ats/". The profile statistics show 98 tweets, 38 following (highlighted with a red circle), and 36 followers. The left sidebar contains navigation options: "Tweet to USD iTeam" (with a text input field containing "@usditeam"), "Tweets", "Following", "Followers", "Favorites", "Lists", and "Similar to USD iTeam". The main content area is titled "Following" and lists four accounts: USD Joan B. Kroc IPJ (@KrocIPJ), USD Career Services (@usdcareerserv), Multicultural Center (@USDufmc), and USD SIBC (@USDSIBC). Each account entry includes a profile picture, name, handle, bio, and a "Follow" button.