

AI RESEARCH TOOL OVERVIEW

Aligned with the research process, seven tool groups can be distinguished:

[ASSISTANTS](#), [FINDERS](#), [CONNECTORS](#), [DETECTORS](#), [ANALYZERS](#) (incl. [Syst. Lit. Rev.](#)), [WRITERS](#), [PRESENTERS](#)

Tool	Description	Use Cases & Features	Pricing, Privacy & Comments	Last Update
ASSISTANTS – general-purpose chatbots that support you throughout the research process (brainstorming, outlines, keywords, explanations). Unless noted otherwise, all tools in this group can hold a conversation, write and edit text, analyse uploaded files, search the web, work step by step through complex questions, and offer a “deep research” mode that compiles a longer, referenced answer from multiple sources. Most can also generate images and run code for data analysis. The Features column therefore lists only what distinguishes each tool.				
ChatGPT	Multipurpose tool developed by OpenAI, a company headquartered in the USA.	Custom GPTs – configurable assistants with their own instructions and uploaded knowledge. Since 2026 new GPTs can no longer be created or published on personal accounts, including Free, Go, Plus and Pro; existing GPTs can still be used.	Pricing Privacy policy ALSO: ANALYZER, WRITER & PRESENTER tool	19.08.2026
Claude	Multipurpose tool developed by Anthropic, a company headquartered in the USA.	Skills – saved sets of instructions that Claude reuses for recurring tasks. Separate Claude Science app for data analysis with connections to scientific databases (beta, macOS and Linux only, paid plans).	Pricing Privacy policy Exception to the note above: Claude does not generate images itself; this is only possible through connected services such as Canva. On the Free, Pro and Max plans, conversations may be used for model training unless this is switched off in the privacy settings; the provider states that data is then retained for five years instead of 30 days. The Team and Enterprise plans and the API are excluded. Source ALSO: ANALYZER, WRITER & PRESENTER tool	19.08.2026
DeepSeek	Multipurpose tool developed by DeepSeek, a company headquartered in China.	The model can be downloaded and run on your own hardware, so no data is sent to DeepSeek.	Free of charge. API pricing Privacy policy Exception to the note above: DeepSeek does not generate images	21.08.2026

			in the chat app; its image model Janus-Pro is published separately as open weights and has to be run locally or through a third-party interface. Caution: serious concerns regarding user data privacy; answers on politically sensitive topics may reflect Chinese government positions. On content alignment see The Guardian. On data protection: the Berlin Data Protection Commissioner declared the apps unlawful in June 2025 over data transfers to China. Apple and Google declined to block them; the apps are still available in Germany. Press release ALSO: ANALYZER & WRITER tool	
Gemini	Multipurpose tool developed by Google, a company headquartered in the USA.	Integration with Google Workspace.	Pricing Privacy policy The models can be tested free of charge via Google AI Studio. The provider states that some features are released in the United States first and are not available in all countries. ALSO: ANALYZER, WRITER & PRESENTER tool	19.08.2026
Microsoft Copilot	Multipurpose tool developed by Microsoft, a company headquartered in the USA.	Integration with Microsoft 365 (Word, Excel, Outlook, Teams). Since August 2026 the consumer Copilot app and the Microsoft 365 Copilot app are being merged into a single application with separate personal and work accounts.	Pricing Privacy policy Exception to the note above: the deep research function was withdrawn from the consumer app on 18.08.2026 and is now part of the paid Microsoft 365 tiers, where it is called Researcher. Podcasts and group chats were withdrawn at the same time. ALSO: ANALYZER, WRITER & PRESENTER tool	19.08.2026

Perplexity AI	Multipurpose search tool developed by Perplexity AI, Inc., a company headquartered in the USA.	Answers are based on a web search each time, with numbered links to the sources used; “Academic” filter restricting results to scholarly sources.	Pricing Privacy policy Based on our testing, we do not currently recommend this tool for academic literature research; it is better suited to everyday questions. ALSO: ANALYZER & WRITER tool	19.08.2026	
Vibe (formerly Le Chat)	Multipurpose tool developed by Mistral AI, a company headquartered in France. Renamed from “Le Chat” in May 2026; accounts, plans and conversations carried over, and the web address is unchanged.	Three modes: Chat (turn-based conversation), Work (multi-step tasks across connected applications such as Google Workspace, Outlook, SharePoint and Slack) and Code (software development). OCR for scanned documents and images.	Pricing Privacy policy The provider is based in the EU and states that data is processed in European data centres. Note that on free accounts, conversations may be used for model training unless this is deactivated in the settings. ALSO: ANALYZER & WRITER tool	19.08.2026	
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FINDERS – find academic literature, create summaries. The Database column shows which corpus a tool searches. This matters: tools built on the same corpus return largely overlapping results, so using several of them is not the same as searching several independent sources. Most of these corpora consist mainly of English-language journal articles with a DOI – monographs and non-English publications are covered poorly, which is why Finders work better for the natural sciences and medicine than for the humanities and social sciences. Unless noted otherwise, all tools in this group let you filter results and produce short summaries of the papers found. The Features column therefore lists only what distinguishes each tool.					
AbsClust	Academic literature search tool developed by Quiddity Technologies GbR, a company based in Germany. Since 2026 an open-source project; the publicly available instance is hosted by the University of Rostock.	Semantic Scholar; own data sets can also be connected (Source).	Clustering of abstracts into semantic maps; file upload; extraction of findings into tables; statistics on search results.	Free of charge. Released under the Apache 2.0 licence and can also be run on your own infrastructure. Source code Privacy policy The application runs on University of Rostock infrastructure in Germany. The provider states that no web analytics are used, and that search queries and document excerpts are processed either on that infrastructure or by OpenAI Ireland Ltd. and Fireworks.ai under EU Standard Contractual Clauses.	19.08.2026

				Registration is required to use the application. ALSO: ANALYZER tool	
Ai2 Asta	Research assistant developed by Ai2 (Allen Institute for AI), a non-profit research institute headquartered in the USA. The previously separate tools Ai2 Paper Finder and Ai2 Scholar QA were merged into Asta in August 2025.	Semantic Scholar (Source).	Find papers searches for publications and explains why each result was judged relevant. Summarize literature answers a research question by synthesising several publications, with citations. Analyze data works with uploaded data sets (beta).	Free of charge. Caution: the provider states that data subject to the GDPR or comparable rules must not be uploaded to its hosted version, and that a self-hosted deployment is the only recommended route for such data. FAQ Privacy policy Can be used without logging in; an account is required to save and revisit results. A session stays editable for 24 hours and becomes read-only afterwards. ALSO: ANALYZER tool	18.08.2026
Consensus	Academic literature search tool developed by Consensus, a company headquartered in the USA.	Semantic Scholar , OpenAlex , the provider's own crawl of the scholarly web, and agreements with publishers for full texts (Source).	Zotero integration; Research Agent for multi-step questions; Consensus Meter for yes/no questions; Study Snapshot (population, sample size, methods, outcomes); chat with the full text of selected papers.	Pricing Privacy policy Enter complete questions rather than keywords. Tips for searching ALSO: ANALYZER tool	19.08.2026
Elicit	Academic literature search tool developed by Elicit Research PBC, a company headquartered in the USA.	Semantic Scholar , PubMed and OpenAlex ; about 138 million papers. ClinicalTrials.gov (about 545,000 trials) can be selected as a separate corpus (Source).	Zotero integration; PDF upload; keyword search across PubMed and ClinicalTrials.gov alongside semantic search; systematic review workflow ; "list of concepts" for comparing methods, datasets and the same concept across subjects; browser extension for accessing paywalled full texts where the institution holds a subscription.	Pricing Privacy policy Enter complete questions rather than keywords. Tips and best practices · FAQ ALSO: ANALYZER tool	19.08.2026
Evidence Hunt	Academic and clinical literature search tool developed by	PubMed	Search fields for PICO analysis (Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome);	Pricing Privacy policy An account is required.	19.08.2026

	EvidenceHunt B.V., a company headquartered in the Netherlands.		customisable e-mail alerts for new results in a saved area of interest.		
Google Scholar Labs	Experimental search mode of Google Scholar, developed by Google, a company headquartered in the USA. Launched in November 2025.	Google Scholar index – considerably broader than the corpora used by most other tools listed here, including books and non-English publications. Google does not document the coverage of this index.	Natural-language research questions; the tool runs several queries, ranks the results and adds a short explanation of how each paper relates to the question. Only a limited number of results is shown; “More Results” extends this a little and then stops, so the tool is not suitable for exhaustive searching.	Free of charge. Privacy policy A Google account is required. As an experimental feature it may change or be discontinued.	18.08.2026
Keenious	Academic literature search tool developed by Keenious AS, a company headquartered in Norway.	OpenAlex ; the provider states that the index is updated monthly and that open-access availability is identified via Unpaywall (Source).	Conversational search with document upload; Word and Google Docs add-ins; searches on the basis of a document you are writing; highlight text in the document to search for that specific concept; result export in RIS and BibTeX (paid plans).	Pricing Privacy policy A free plan returns all search results but limits the number of AI responses per conversation, the number of conversations per day and the upload size. Institutional licences with single sign-on and library-collection linking are available. Works best when connected to a longer document – the more input, the better. Unpublished text connected to Keenious should not contain sensitive data. The provider states that uploaded files and conversations are deleted after one day.	18.08.2026
ORKG Ask	Academic literature search tool developed by the Open Research	CORE dataset – roughly 76 million open-access items	Result export; results presented in a table showing the answer each paper gives to the research question, key insights, tl;dr,	Free of charge; open source. Privacy policy	19.08.2026

	Knowledge Graph (ORKG) project at the TIB – Leibniz Information Centre for Science and Technology, Germany.	with abstracts, a subset of them with full text. Covers open-access literature only.	conclusions, results and methods. The answer is generated from a small number of top-ranked papers (currently five), so it gives orientation rather than a complete picture of the literature.	Enter complete questions rather than keywords. FAQ ALSO: ANALYZER tool	
R Discovery	Academic literature search tool developed by Cactus Communications Pvt. Ltd., a company headquartered in India.	Not fully documented; according to the provider PubMed, PubMed Central, Crossref, Unpaywall, OpenAlex and content from publisher partnerships. Figures given by the provider vary between 250 and 300 million records (Source).	Export to Zotero and Mendeley; available as a website, mobile app and browser extension. Audio versions of papers, translation into more than 30 languages, auto-sync with reference managers and the question-answering function require the paid Prime plan.	Pricing Privacy policy Searches accept both bibliographic data and complete questions. The provider states that predatory content is excluded from the database, without describing how this is determined, and that geolocation may be tracked in the mobile app, with use of the app treated as consent to this. ALSO: ANALYZER tool	19.08.2026
Scholar Inbox	Personal paper recommender developed at the University of Tübingen, Germany.	Open-access preprint servers such as arXiv, bioRxiv, medRxiv and ChemRxiv, plus public conference proceedings. Metadata, venue information and the citation graph come from the Semantic Scholar Open Research Corpus (Source).	Daily or weekly paper recommendations by e-mail; recommendations learn from positive and negative ratings; semantic search over free-form text; trend observation; interactive science maps; conference planner.	Free of charge. Privacy policy	18.08.2026
scienceOS	Academic literature search tool developed	Semantic Scholar (Source)	Import from Mendeley, Zotero and EndNote; PDF analysis; saving of found PDFs; network	A free plan is available; paid plans lift the limits. Pricing	18.08.2026

	by scienceOS UG, a company headquartered in Germany.		view of citation connections between the articles found.	Privacy policy The provider states that all models, chats, uploaded files and user data are held on servers within the European Union, and that user inputs and outputs are not used to train its models. ALSO: CONNECTOR & ANALYZER tool	
SciSpace	Academic research and publishing platform developed by PubGenius Inc., a company headquartered in the USA.	Not fully documented. The provider states a curated corpus drawn from various sources and continuously updated; the figures it gives vary between 200 and 300 million papers (Source).	Literature search; paper analysis; deep review; plagiarism check; AI detection; journal hosting and publishing.	Pricing Privacy policy Enter complete questions rather than keywords. ALSO: ANALYZER & WRITER tool	19.08.2026
Semantic Scholar	Academic literature search tool developed by the Allen Institute for AI (AI2), a non-profit research institute based in the USA.	For the journals and databases indexed, see the FAQ .	Personal library; alerts for new publications; AI-generated one-sentence summaries (TLDR), mainly in computer science, biology and medicine.	Free of charge; no subscription tier. Privacy policy No account is needed to search; a free account adds a saved library, author alerts and a personalised research feed. This corpus underlies several of the other Finders listed in this table.	19.08.2026
Undermind	Academic literature search tool developed by Undermind AI, Inc., a company headquartered in the USA.	Semantic Scholar	Identification of literature gaps; narrowing results by specific topics; extending the result list to further papers. Analysis of full texts is a paid-plan feature.	A free plan is available, with standard rate limits on chats and searches. Pricing Privacy policy The provider states a particular focus on search quality. Demo video ALSO: ANALYZER tool	19.08.2026

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CONNECTORS – create visual, interactive maps of papers based on their citation and subject relations. Connectors work from a publication you already have (a “seed paper”), so they are often more useful than Finders for the humanities and social sciences. Coverage still depends on the underlying corpus: older works, print-only literature and publications without a DOI are captured poorly. Unless noted otherwise, all tools in this group let you filter the resulting set of papers, show citation counts and export the results. The Features column therefore lists only what distinguishes each tool.					
Connected Papers	Citation-network visualisation tool developed by a small team based in Israel.	Semantic Scholar Paper Corpus, licensed under ODC-BY (Source).	Single-seed graph of related papers; several papers can be combined as origins of one graph.	Free use is limited to a small number of new graphs per month; paid plans remove the limit. Pricing Privacy policy Search by keyword, title, DOI or another identifier. Results are better when searching with an article (seed paper) than with keywords.	18.08.2026
Inciteful	Citation-network analysis tool operated by Inciteful, Inc., a company based in the USA. It now runs as “Inciteful Academic” within the provider’s medical platform; inciteful.xyz redirects there. Background	OpenAlex, Semantic Scholar, Crossref, OpenCitations.	Paper Discovery builds a network from one or more seed papers; Literature Connector shows how two papers are linked through the literature; Zotero plugin; import via BibTeX.	Free of charge. No account required. Privacy policy – covers the provider’s medical platform as well; the provider states that its services are operated in the USA.	18.08.2026
Litmaps	Citation-network visualisation tool developed by Litmap Ltd., a company based in New Zealand.	Crossref, Semantic Scholar, OpenAlex.	“Discover search”; organisation of articles into collections; saved searches; export and sharing; e-mail alerts for new articles on a topic.	The free tier limits the number of maps, the number of articles per map and the size of a search; paid plans remove these limits. Pricing Privacy policy Search by keyword, author, DOI, PubMed ID or arXiv ID. Results are better when searching with articles or IDs (seed papers) than with keywords. Note: Litmap Ltd. also owns Research Rabbit (see below). The two tools	18.08.2026

				have different interfaces but the same provider and largely the same data. ALSO: FINDER tool	
Local Citation Network	Citation-network visualisation tool developed as an individual open-source project.	OpenAlex, Semantic Scholar, OpenCitations, Crossref.	Export as RIS, CSV and JSON; browser bookmarklet that starts a network from a paper's page; "Top Cited" and "Top Citing" lists for direct citation searching in systematic reviews.	Free of charge. Open source (GPL-3).	18.08.2026
Open Knowledge Maps	Visual search tool developed by the non-profit organisation Open Knowledge Maps, based in Austria.	PubMed (life sciences) or BASE (all disciplines), OpenAIRE.	Export via BibTeX; knowledge maps grouping results by subject area. Each map is built from the 100 most relevant documents for the query.	Free of charge. Privacy policy FAQ · Training material ALSO: FINDER tool	18.08.2026
Research Rabbit	Citation-network visualisation tool owned by Litmap Ltd., a company based in New Zealand.	Semantic Scholar, Crossref, OpenAlex, PubMed and further sources (Source).	Author networks; sharing and collaboration; Zotero integration; export via BibTeX, RIS, CSV; alerts for new papers in a field; personalised collections of paper recommendations.	The tool was relaunched in October 2025 and is no longer entirely free of charge. The free tier caps the number of seed articles per collection; paid plans raise that cap and add advanced search filters and several parallel projects. Searches, collections and shared collections remain unlimited in the free tier. Pricing Privacy policy Note: acquired by Litmap Ltd. in 2025 – the same provider as Litmaps (see above). Search papers by title, DOI or keywords. ALSO: FINDER tool	18.08.2026

Scite	Citation analysis tool and research assistant developed by scite, Inc. Since December 2023 owned by Research Solutions, Inc., a company headquartered in the USA.	Crossref, DataCite, OpenAlex and further sources. Data coverage	Smart Citations show the context in which a paper has been cited and classify whether the citing work supports, contradicts or merely mentions it. Further features: AI assistant answering questions with reference to publications; collections for gathering and monitoring a set of papers; reference check for manuscripts; browser extension; Zotero plugin.	Focus on the natural sciences and medicine. Works best for publications with a DOI and is less useful for older works and books. Pricing Privacy policy Help centre · Demo video ALSO: ASSISTANT, FINDER & ANALYZER tool	18.08.2026
VOSviewer	Bibliometric visualisation tool developed by the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) at Leiden University, Netherlands.	Web of Science, Scopus, Dimensions, Lens, PubMed, Crossref, Europe PMC, OpenAlex, Semantic Scholar, OpenCitations, Wikidata.	Desktop software for building and analysing networks, with a web version (VOSviewer Online) for viewing and sharing maps only; direct querying of OpenAlex and Europe PMC data; text mining function for building and visualising co-occurrence networks of terms extracted from a body of literature.	Free of charge. Harder to learn than the other Connector tools but offers more possibilities for analysis. Video tutorial · the website also offers extensive training material and examples.	18.08.2026
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DETECTORS – check whether the references in a text actually exist. Each reference is looked up in bibliographic registries such as Crossref, OpenAlex or PubMed and compared by title, authors and year. These tools do not detect AI-generated text, nor do they check whether a cited source supports the statement it is attached to – that remains the author’s responsibility. Small deviations, e.g. differing years for the preprint and the journal version, are usually metadata errors, not fabrications. Some publications are checked less reliably: references without a DOI or other identifier can only be matched by title, and print-only, older and some non-English publications are often missing from the registries. Apart from Scholar Sidekick, all tools in this group are open-source programs from GitHub or PyPI. They run locally, so reference lists are not uploaded, but they require a Python installation and basic command-line skills.					
Check Fake References	Open-source Python script developed by the Universitätsbibliothek Mannheim, Germany, published on GitHub.	Crossref and DataCite (DOIs), OpenAlex, Google Books (books), ZDB (journal titles).	Checks a BibTeX file and lists which checks each reference passed or failed, without giving a final verdict; adds a Google Scholar search link for manual follow-up. Google Books and the ZDB give better coverage of books and German journals than the other tools in this group.	Free of charge. Open source (MIT). Accepts BibTeX only; plain-text reference lists must be converted first, e.g. with anystyle . The file name is set inside the script, so basic Python knowledge is needed. An online demo notebook (Binder) is linked in the README.	12.10.2026

CiteScan	Open-source tool published on GitHub; the author states cooperation with the National University of Singapore and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	arXiv, Crossref, DBLP, Semantic Scholar, OpenAlex; Google Scholar via web scraping.	Checks BibTeX entries for existence and matching metadata (title, authors, year); suggests the official published version in place of preprint citations; browser interface when run locally.	Free of charge. Open source (MIT). Online demo on ModelScope – reference lists are uploaded to this platform. Local installation via Python or Docker.	12.10.2026
Hallucinated Reference Finder (halref)	Open-source Python tool published on GitHub.	Semantic Scholar, Crossref, DBLP, OpenAlex.	Extracts references from one or several PDFs, or reads a BibTeX file, and ranks the references by how likely they are to be fabricated; an LLM can optionally be used for unclear cases.	Free of charge. Open source (MIT). Command line only. Tuned for computational linguistics papers in ACL format; less accurate with other citation styles. Requires a free OpenAlex API key.	12.10.2026
HalluCiteChecker	Open-source Python package published on PyPI and GitHub.	Not documented.	Checks one or several PDF manuscripts and saves a copy of each PDF with suspicious references highlighted.	Free of charge. Open source (Apache 2.0). Command line only; installation via PyPI . A Google Colab demo is linked in the README.	12.10.2026
RefChecker	Open-source tool published on GitHub.	Semantic Scholar, OpenAlex, Crossref, DBLP, ACL Anthology.	Accepts PDF, LaTeX, BibTeX, plain text or an arXiv ID; browser interface and desktop builds for Windows, macOS and Linux; optional deep check that uses LLM web search to flag likely fabricated references.	Free of charge. Open source (MIT). Basic checks work without an LLM. The deep check sends the references to OpenAI, Anthropic, Google or Azure and requires a personal API key from one of these providers. Installation via Docker or Python.	12.10.2026
Scholar Sidekick Citation Verifier	Web tool for checking citations; the operator is not named on the website, hosting is provided by Vercel Inc., a company based in the USA.	Crossref, DataCite, PubMed, arXiv, OpenLibrary, NASA ADS; title search also in OpenAlex.	Compares a citation with the record behind its identifier (DOI, PMID, PMCID, arXiv ID, ISBN, ISSN); verdicts distinguish an invented title from a wrong but real identifier; batch check of up to 10 references (BibTeX, RIS, CSL-JSON); Bibliography Audit for up to 25 references, including a retraction check. The provider publishes its own validation results .	Needs an identifier for reliable results. Free web form; API use beyond the free tier is paid: Pricing Privacy policy – the provider states that entered citations are not stored. Works in the browser; no installation or registration required.	12.10.2026

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ANALYZERS – summarise papers and answer questions about their content. Please observe copyright law when uploading material, and do not upload documents containing personal data of third parties.				
Acrobat AI Assistant	PDF analysis function built into Adobe Acrobat and Acrobat Reader, developed by Adobe Inc., a company headquartered in the USA.	Summaries of documents; questions and answers with citations to the source passage; analysis across up to 100 files and links at once, including Word and PowerPoint files and web pages; PDF Spaces for gathering project files into one shared, interactive space; voice prompts in the mobile app.	AI Assistant is a paid add-on to an Acrobat or Acrobat Reader plan; it is included in the Acrobat Studio plan. Pricing Privacy policy · User guidelines	18.08.2026
ChatPDF	Document analysis tool developed by ChatPDF GmbH, a company headquartered in Germany.	Summaries; questions and answers about the document in any language, with references to the source passage; chat across several files gathered in a folder; supports PDF, Word, PowerPoint, Markdown and text files.	The free plan is limited to a small number of documents and questions per day. The provider shows its plans on the ChatPDF website; there is no separate pricing page. Privacy policy	19.08.2026
ElevenReader	Text-to-speech application developed by ElevenLabs, a company headquartered in the USA.	Converts PDFs, ePub files, scanned pages and web articles into audio; 32 languages; podcast function generating a discussion or summary of an uploaded document; library of freely accessible audiobooks. Audio can only be played inside the app: there is no export function, and uploads are limited to 500 pages.	The free plan includes a limited number of listening hours per month. Pricing Privacy policy Also available as an app for iOS and Android.	18.08.2026
Gemini Notebook (formerly NotebookLM)	Research and note-taking tool developed by Google, a company headquartered in the USA. Renamed from “NotebookLM” on 16.07.2026; notebooks, sources and shared links carried over, and the old web address redirects to the new one.	Analysis and summary of uploaded files, websites and audiovisual content, with references to the original; mind maps; podcast-style audio output with two voices; video, infographic and slide-deck output; flashcards and quizzes; Discover function for finding related content; Google Workspace integration.	Pricing · Plans and limits Privacy policy A Google account is required. The provider states that uploaded material is not used to train the model unless feedback is submitted, and that for Workspace and Workspace for Education accounts it is neither reviewed by people nor used for training. ALSO: FINDER & PRESENTER tool	19.08.2026

Julius	Data analysis tool operated by Caesar Labs Inc., a company based in the USA.	Analysis of data sets using natural-language instructions; descriptive statistics; visualisations; notebook functions; collaborative working.	This is a tool for analysing data rather than for reading papers. Pricing Privacy policy	18.08.2026
Scholarcy	Research assistant operated by Scholarcy Limited, a company based in the UK.	Summaries of imported documents in various formats, including YouTube videos, at different levels of detail; highlighting of key findings; flashcards; open access link finder; library for organising literature, tables and references; comparative analysis (paid plans).	Free use is limited to one summary per day through the Article Summarizer; the full version can be trialled for seven days. Pricing Privacy policy Video tutorials	18.08.2026
ANALYZERS – Systematic Literature Review Tools All of these tools support screening large sets of references against your own inclusion and exclusion criteria and exporting the results. The Features column therefore lists only what distinguishes each one. Please observe copyright law when uploading material, and do not upload documents containing personal data of third parties.				
ASReview	Open-source software for systematic reviews, developed at Utrecht University, Netherlands.	Active learning: the tool reprioritises the remaining records as you label them; several reviewers can screen the same project; multilingual models; compatible with various reference managers; simulation mode for testing model performance on already labelled datasets.	Free of charge. Can be installed locally on your own device, which keeps the data under your own control; can alternatively be run on a server, in the cloud or via Docker.	18.08.2026
Covidence	Systematic review tool operated by Veritas Health Innovation Ltd, a registered charity based in Australia.	Structured workflow covering the whole review, from screening through full-text review to data extraction; risk-of-bias assessment; support for Cochrane reviews .	The free trial covers a single review with a limited number of references; most access is through an institutional licence, so check whether your library provides one. Pricing Privacy policy	18.08.2026
Rayyan	Systematic review tool operated by Rayyan Systems, Inc., a company headquartered in the USA; originally developed at the Qatar Computing Research Institute.	Blind screening, so reviewers do not see each other's decisions; bulk actions and PICO fields for the criteria; duplicate detection; mobile app that also works offline. PRISMA diagrams and automatic resolution of duplicates require a paid plan; the ResearchPilot AI requires an institutional licence.	Pricing Privacy policy	18.08.2026

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WRITERS – help to write and edit your paper. Unless noted otherwise, these tools correct grammar and spelling, rephrase sentences and adjust tone and style. The Features column therefore lists only what distinguishes each tool. Please check the examination regulations of your department and your institution's guidelines on AI before using these tools for coursework or theses.				
AI-Cards	Tool for documenting AI use in academic work, operated as a free non-commercial service by the University of Göttingen, Germany.	Generates machine-readable AI Usage Cards via a questionnaire; LaTeX package and Overleaf integration; overview of AI disclosure policies at major publishers.	Free of charge. Paper · Video · Publisher policies	18.08.2026
DeepL Write	Writing assistant operated by DeepL SE, a company based in Germany.	Rewriting between British and American English; custom glossary and custom rules in the paid version. Supports fewer languages than DeepL Translator – see the DeepL Write help page .	Pricing Privacy policy Available as a desktop, browser and mobile app, with integration into Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace. Without an account, texts are limited to 1,500 characters at a time. A DeepL Pro subscription for the Translator does not include DeepL Write Pro; that requires a separate plan or a bundle.	18.08.2026
Grammarly	Writing assistant operated by Superhuman (called Grammarly Inc. until October 2025), a company headquartered in the USA. Only the company was renamed; the writing assistant is still called Grammarly.	Plagiarism and AI-text detection in the paid version. The browser extension also contains Superhuman Go, an assistant that draws on the context of the page you are working in.	Pricing Privacy policy Free version with a monthly limit on AI prompts. Available as a web, desktop and mobile application, as a browser plugin and as a mobile keyboard.	18.08.2026
Paperpal	Academic writing tool operated by Cactus Communications Services Pte Ltd, Singapore, part of the CACTUS group headquartered in India.	Plagiarism check; citation generator; generation of outlines, abstracts and titles; check of a manuscript against journal requirements before submission.	Pricing Privacy policy · Data security Available as a web version, a Microsoft Word add-in and a Google Docs add-on. ALSO: FINDER & ANALYZER tool	18.08.2026
Writefull	Academic writing assistant operated by ThingLab Ltd., a company headquartered in the UK, and part of Digital Science, which also runs Overleaf.	Academic phrasing; generation of titles and abstracts; check for missing citations (Writefull	Pricing Privacy policy Free version with a daily quota for suggestions; Premium for unlimited	18.08.2026

		Cite); TeXGPT generates LaTeX code in Overleaf.	use. An account is required. Integration with Microsoft Word and Overleaf is possible.	
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PRESENTERS – help to create presentation slides. Unless noted otherwise, all tools in this group generate slides from text, a topic or an uploaded document, offer templates and themes, and export to PowerPoint or PDF. The Features column therefore lists only what distinguishes each tool. Please observe copyright law when uploading material, and do not upload documents containing personal data of third parties.				
Beautiful.ai	Presentation software operated by Beautiful.AI, Inc., a company headquartered in the USA.	Slide layouts that re-arrange automatically as content is added; brand themes; PowerPoint add-in; integration with Slack and Webex.	No free version. The 14-day trial requires a credit card and renews into a paid subscription unless it is cancelled. Pricing Privacy policy The provider offers free access for students and teachers with a .edu e-mail address.	18.08.2026
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