

# AI tools for academic research

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## FIND THE LITERATURE

**Elicit** — question → evidence table

Free: unlimited search & PDF chat · Pro \$49 · elicit.com

**Consensus** — consensus meter = vote counting

Pro ~\$10/mo annual (~40% student) · consensus.app

**Research Rabbit** — citation maps, snowballing

Free: 1 project / 50 seeds · alerts · researchrabbit.ai

**Connected Papers** — seed → similarity graph

Free: 5 graphs/mo · connectedpapers.com

**ASReview** — active-learning screening for reviews

Free, open source, runs local · asreview.nl

**SciSpace** — search + chat with PDFs

Free: ~100 credits/mo · scispace.com

**Deep research** — cited reports from your chatbot

ChatGPT · Gemini · Claude · not reproducible — verify

## READ & SUMMARIZE

**NotebookLM** — Q&A grounded in YOUR sources

Free tier (generous) · Spanish audio · notebooklm.google

**SciSpace / Elicit chat** — compare papers

extract methods · verify quotes against the PDF

## ANALYZE DATA

**Julius AI** — CSV/SPSS → stats, code, plots

Free: 15 msg/mo · ~50% student · julius.ai

**Claude · ChatGPT** — pair-analyst, writes code

Free tiers · claude.ai · chatgpt.com

**noScribe** — interview transcription, speakers

Free · 100% local (GDPR) · Spanish · noscribe.de

**MacWhisper** — polished Mac transcription GUI

Free; Pro €59 once · goodsnooze.gumroad.com

**ATLAS.ti · MAXQDA** — AI-assisted qual. coding

Paid; AI can be disabled (local) · atlasti.com

## WRITE & PUBLISH

**Paperpal** — academic-English polish inside Word

Free: ~200 sugg/mo · paperpal.com

**Writefull** — language for Word & LaTeX/Overleaf

Free daily quota · writefull.com

**scite** — do citations support or contrast?

Flags fake refs · 7-day trial · \$12/mo annual · scite.ai

**Zotero** — citations live here, not the LLM

Free, open source · zotero.org

### ⚠ Non-negotiables

Never paste identifiable participant data into cloud AI — anonymize first, or use local tools (noScribe, Ollama). GDPR + your ethics approval.

Never cite what you haven't opened — hallucinated references look perfect and don't exist.

Disclose AI use: APA wants it location-specific (keep your prompts). Deusto: no verbatim output, verify against sources, defend every result. U. Granada: formal AI declaration in doctoral theses.

- 1 AI amplifies expertise — it doesn't replace it.
- 2 Never report or submit what you haven't verified.
- 3 Protect participant data: local or anonymized, always.



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