

Citation Mapping Tools

Citation mapping tools use citation data to track and visualise connections between articles or authors. They are also called literature mapping tools or science mapping tools.

The table below displays the most popular tools.

Tool	Cost	Cloud Based	Full Text Linking	Import Options	Export Options	Source of Citations	Product Support	Rating	Best for
 Inciteful 	Free	Yes	Yes	BibTex	BibTex, RIS	OpenAlex, Semantic Scholar, Crossref	Detailed	10/10	Finding additional articles
 Litmaps 	Free account allows up to 20 inputs per search and 2 graphs	Yes	Yes	BibTex, RIS, PubMed	BibTex, RIS, CSV Can also save results to profile	PubMed, Scopus, OpenAlex and more	Detailed	9/10	Finding additional articles, exporting visualisations
Open Knowledge Maps 	Free	Yes	Yes	Manual input	BibTex	PubMed	Detailed	8/10	Generating search concepts
Research Rabbit 	Free	Yes	Yes	Manual entry, DOI, PMID, BibTex, RIS, Zotero	BibTex, RIS, CSV Can also save results to profile	Unknown	Detailed	8/10	Finding additional articles
Connected Papers 	Free account allows 5 graphs per month	Yes	Yes	Manual input, DOI, URL	Save results to profile	Semantic Scholar	Limited	6/10	Finding additional articles
Local Citation Network 	Free	Yes	No	DOI, PMID	Saves in cache	OpenAlex	Limited	6/10	Seeing your own research connections and impact
VOSviewer 	Free	No, requires software installation	No	Manual entry, RIS, EndNote, RefWorks, CSV	JPEG, PNG, PDF, TIFF	Web of Science, Scopus, Lens, PubMed and more	Detailed	6/10	Creating visualisations for papers, posters, or social media
Citation Chaser 	Free	Yes	No	DOI, PMID, MAGID, COREID, LENSID, RIS, CSV	RIS	Lens.org	Not available	5/10	Finding additional articles
CiteSpace 	Free account allows 3 visualisation tools and 3 analytical tools	No, requires software installation	No	Manual input	PNG Can also save results to application	Only what is imported	Limited	3/10	Determining the popularity and influence of articles over time

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