SUMMARY OF AI LLM TOOLS FOR RESEARCH

Tool	Description	When to Use	Pros	Cons	Costs for Advanced Features	Background of Team Members
Consensus	AI-powered academic search engine for research papers.	Literature reviews, finding relevant research.	Summarizes top articles, extensive research coverage.	Limited to available database, may miss niche topics.	$8.99/month or $108/year for Premium plan	Team includes experts in machine learning, technology, and engineering. Advisors include Dr. Nicholas Christakis (sociologist and physician) and Dr. Layne Norton (biochemist and bodybuilder).
Perplexity	AI-powered answer engine providing real-time, accurate answers.	Real-time information retrieval, general queries.	Up-to-date information, accurate responses, holistic quality evaluation.	May struggle with very niche or highly specialized queries.	$20/month or $200/year for Pro plan	Founded by Aravind Srinivas (former OpenAI researcher), Denis Yarats (former Meta AI scientist), Johnny Ho (former Quora engineer), and Andy Konwinski (founding team at Databricks).
Elicit	AI research assistant automating literature review tasks.	Summarizing papers, extracting data, synthesizing findings.	Automates research workflows, finds relevant papers without exact keywords.	Limited database, may not handle non-English languages well.	$10/month (annual) or $12/month (monthly) for Plus Tier	Co-founded by Andreas Stuhlmüller (cognitive scientist), with investors like Jeff Dean (Google's chief scientist) and Thomas Ebeling (former Novartis CEO).
Microsoft Copilot	Integrated AI assistant in Microsoft 365 apps for productivity enhancement.	Enhancing productivity in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.	Seamless integration with Microsoft 365, boosts productivity.	Requires Microsoft 365 subscription, may have learning curve.	$20/month for Copilot Pro	Developed by Microsoft, leveraging expertise from OpenAI's GPT-4 and Microsoft Graph.
Research Rabbit	AI-powered discovery app for organizing academic papers.	Literature review, discovering new research.	Free for researchers, interactive visualizations, easy organization.	May lack some advanced features found in paid tools.	Free for researchers	Team includes Krishnan Chandra (software engineer), Ben Slater (immunobiologist), and Mike Ma (former investigative researcher in finance).
Litmaps	Literature review tool with dynamic visualizations of research papers.	Visualizing research connections, monitoring new papers.	Dynamic visualizations, automatic updates on new papers.	Visualization may be overwhelming for very large datasets.	$10/month for Pro plan	Team includes Axton Pitt (CEO), Digl Dixon (Design Lead), and Dr. Ralph Highnam (Executive Director with a PhD from Oxford).
SciSpace	AI tools for understanding and summarizing scientific PDFs.	Simplifying complex academic texts, literature review.	Clear explanations, related paper suggestions, AI chat for PDFs.	May not cover all academic fields equally.	$20/month for Researcher plan	Developed by a team specializing in scholarly material, aiming to accelerate scientific discovery.
Scite.ai	AI-powered tool for finding and evaluating scientific literature.	Efficient literature reviews, citation analysis.	Smart citations, detailed citation context, minimizes hallucinations.	May require learning to use effectively.	$20/month or $144/year for Individual plan	Co-founded by Josh Nicholson (cell biologist), with a focus on enhancing research discovery and evaluation.
Jenni AI	AI-powered workspace for reading, writing, and organizing research.	Academic writing, overcoming writer's block, citation management.	AI autocomplete, in-text citations, paraphrasing, content generation.	May not cover all academic fields equally.	$20/month for Pro plan	Developed by David Park (computer science background) and Henry Mao (software engineering background). David previously founded Altum before pivoting to create Jenni AI. Henry has been instrumental in developing the technical infrastructure of Jenni AI.
Claude	Next-generation AI assistant for conversational and text processing tasks.	Summarization, search, creative writing, Q&A, coding.	High reliability, steerable, less likely to produce harmful outputs.	May require learning to use effectively.	$30/month for Claude Pro	Developed by Anthropic: Dario Amodei: CEO with a background in AI safety and ethics. Daniela Amodei: COO with expertise in AI policy. Tom Brown: Research Scientist and lead engineer for GPT-3. Chris Olah: Research Director with a focus on interpretability. Sam McCandlish: Research Scientist specializing in AI alignment. Jack Clarke: Research Engineer with experience in AI safety. Jared Kaplan: Research Scientist with a background in theoretical physics.