

Academic AI Toolkit

LibGuide Template



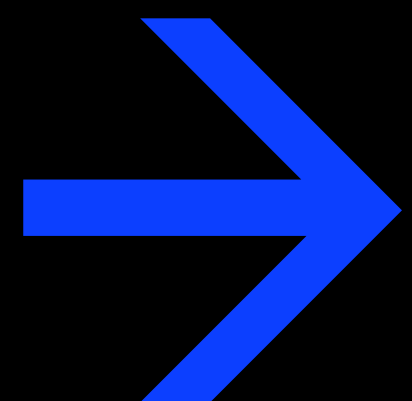
About This Template

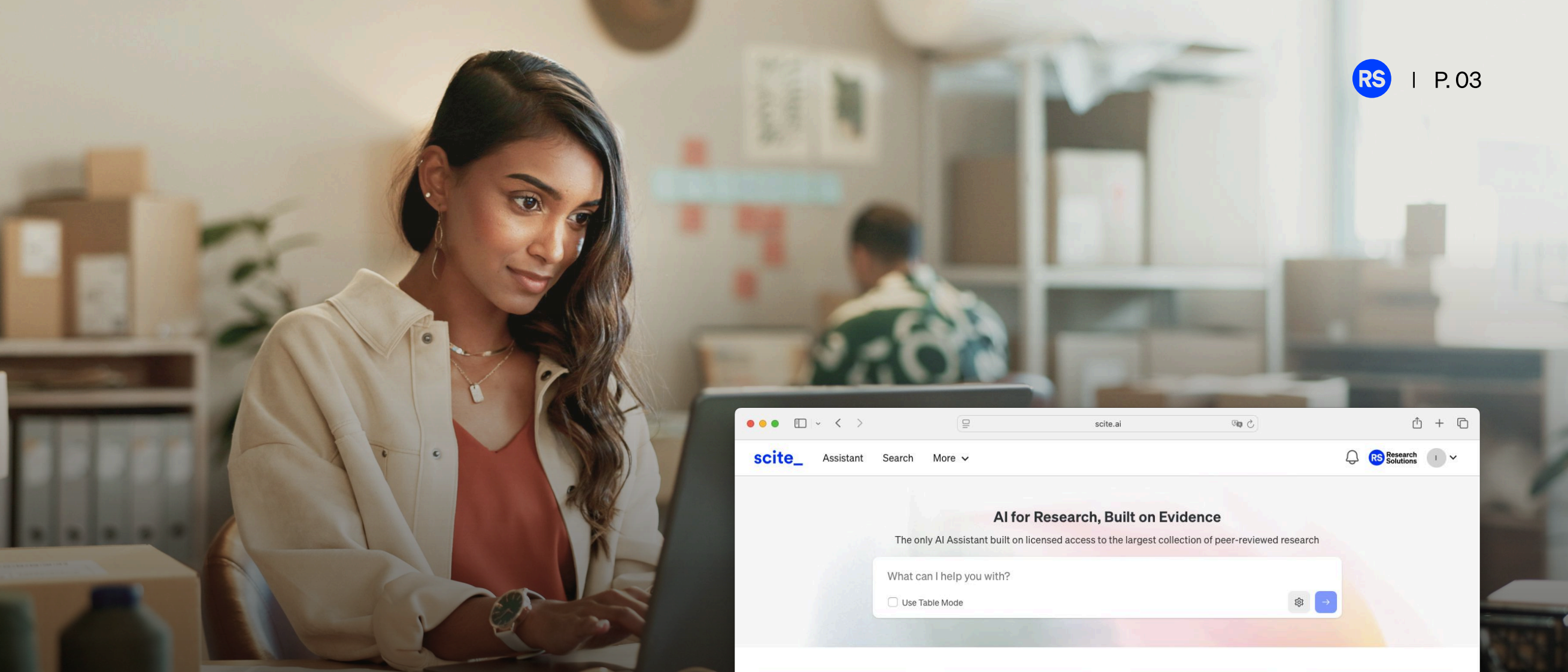
This LibGuide template is designed to help academic libraries quickly create comprehensive guides for their Scite subscription. Simply customize the content to match your institution's specific access method, branding, and user needs.

This template incorporates successful elements from university LibGuides at institutions like Oregon State, Purdue, and Creighton, including:

- Clear explanations of Scite's Smart Citations technology
- Step-by-step access instructions for institutional subscriptions
- Practical use cases and real-world applications across disciplines
- Advanced settings optimization guidance for researchers
- FAQ sections addressing common user questions
- Integration tips with existing library systems

Customization guidance is provided to help you adapt this template for your institution's specific context and user population.





Home Page Content

What Is Scite?

Scite is an AI-powered research platform that transforms how researchers discover, evaluate, and understand scientific literature. With access to **over 1.3 billion citation statements** from **more than 185 million publications**, Scite goes beyond traditional citation counting to show you **how and why** research has been cited.

Key Features:

- **Smart Citations:** See whether citations support, contradict, or simply mention research claims
- **Scite Assistant:** Ask research questions in natural language and get answers with credible references
- **Citation Context Analysis:** Understand where and how your work is being discussed in the literature
- **Research Dashboard:** Save, organize, and analyze groups of papers
- **Reference Verification:** Check the accuracy and reliability of citations

Why Scite Matters For Research

Unlike traditional databases that only show citation counts, Scite uses AI to analyze the **context** around citations. This helps researchers:

- **Evaluate research credibility** by seeing supporting vs. contrasting evidence
- **Discover research gaps** through comprehensive literature analysis
- **Track research impact** beyond simple citation metrics
- **Save time** with AI-powered literature synthesis

Getting Started

Accessing Scite At [Your Institution]

[Institution Name] provides access to Scite through [subscription details - pilot program, permanent subscription, etc.]

To access the full institutional version:

1. Go to [institution-specific URL or scite.ai/enterprise/your-institution]
2. Sign up with your **[institution email domain]** (e.g., @youruniversity.edu)

3. Choose "Sign Up" even if you already have a personal Scite account
4. Look for the [Institution] logo in the upper right corner to confirm institutional access

Note: You may receive promotional emails from Scite. The unsubscribe option at the bottom of these emails will work if you prefer not to receive them.

Setting Up Your Account

Recommended First Steps:

- **Create your researcher profile** by claiming your publications
- **Connect your ORCID** for automatic paper updates
- **Adjust Assistant settings** for optimal results (see Tips section below)

Key Features & How To Use Them

1. Smart Citations

Smart Citations show the context behind each citation with three classifications:

- ✓ Supporting → Citations that provide supporting evidence
- ❓ Contrasting → Citations that dispute or contradict claims
- 🕒 Mentioning → Citations that simply reference the work

Use Smart Citations to:

- Quickly assess the credibility of research claims
- Find papers that challenge specific findings
- Identify the most supported research in your field

2. Scite Assistant

Ask research questions in plain language and receive answers synthesized from peer-reviewed literature.

Sample Questions:

- "What are the latest findings on [specific topic]?"
- "What are the limitations of [research method/treatment]?"
- "How do [Treatment A] and [Treatment B] compare in terms of effectiveness?"

Assistant Best Practices:

- Always verify Assistant responses by checking the cited sources
- Use specific, focused questions for better results
- Cross-reference findings with additional sources when making critical decisions

3. Search & Discovery

Use Scite's search functionality to:

- **Find papers by topic, author, or DOI**
- **Filter by article sections** (Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion)
- **Limit to specific journals or date ranges**
- **Search within your saved collections**

4. Dashboard & Organization

Create custom dashboards to:

- **Group related papers** for literature reviews
- **Track research trends** over time
- **Analyze paper collections** with the Assistant
- **Export references** to citation managers

Advanced Tips & Best Practices

Optimizing Assistant Settings

Before using the Assistant, adjust these key settings:

- **Always Use References:** Enable this to ensure all responses include citations
- **Language Model:** Experiment with different models for your research needs
- **Number of Publications:** Increase for more comprehensive responses
- **Date Range:** Narrow to recent publications for cutting-edge research
- **Journal Specificity:** Focus on high-impact journals in your field

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Integration With [Your Institution's] Resources

- **[Integration details specific to your institution]**
- **Link resolver integration:** Access full text through your library subscriptions
- **Export to RefWorks/Zotero:** Save citations directly to your reference manager
- **Connection to [institutional repository/catalog]:** Cross-reference with local holdings

Research Workflow Tips

- **Start broad, then narrow:** Begin with general searches, then use filters to refine
- **Use Table Mode** for systematic literature reviews and meta-analyses
- **Create dashboards early** in your research process to organize findings
- **Set up alerts** for ongoing research projects
- **Export regularly** to back up your research discoveries

Use Cases By Discipline

STEM Research

- **Literature Reviews:** Identify supporting and contrasting evidence
- **Methodology Validation:** Find papers that validate or question research methods
- **Competitive Research:** Track how competitors' work is being received

Health Sciences

- **Clinical Evidence Synthesis:** Understand the strength of evidence for treatments
- **Drug Research:** Analyze safety and efficacy data across studies
- **Guidelines Development:** Identify consensus and controversies in clinical practice

Academic Research (All Fields)

- **Grant Writing:** Support proposals with well-validated research
- **Thesis/Dissertation Research:** Ensure comprehensive literature coverage
- **Interdisciplinary Studies:** Bridge research across multiple fields

Tutorial Resources

Getting Started Video

Watch Josh Nicholson, Co-founder of Scite and Chief Strategy Officer at Research Solutions, demonstrate key features [here](#).

Additional Tutorials

- [Scite's Official Tutorial Series](#)
- [Getting Started Guide](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

Access & Technical Questions

Q: I created a personal Scite account before. Do I need a new one?

A: Yes, sign up with your institutional email to access the full features included in [Institution's] subscription.

Q: Can I access Scite off-campus?

A: Yes, sign up with your institutional email address for access from any location.

Q: How current is the information in Scite?

A: Scite adds new articles and citations daily, though coverage varies by publisher participation.

Using Scite For Research

Q: How reliable is the AI classification of citations?

A: Scite's AI achieves high accuracy, but always verify important findings by reading the full context in the original papers.

Q: Can I use Scite for systematic reviews?

A: Yes! Use Table Mode and Dashboard features to organize papers and analyze them systematically.

Q: How do I export my results?

A: Scite supports multiple export formats including RIS files for import into reference managers.

Additional Resources

- Contact [Institution] Library: [Your contact information]
- Research Support: [Link to your research support services]
- Citation Management Help: [Link to RefWorks/Zotero support]

Need Help?

[Institution] Library Support:

- Email: [library email]
- Phone: [library phone]
- Chat: [link to library chat]
- Research Consultations: [booking link]

Template Implementation Resources

Example LibGuides

Oregon State University (US) - Comprehensive Technical Approach
Scite AI Research Tool Guide. Features detailed settings optimization, multiple search modes, and advanced dashboard functionality

University of Zurich (Switzerland) - Blog-Style Introduction Approach
Scite - Now Available. Narrative introduction format explaining Smart Citations technology, user applications, and additional features like browser extension and Reference Check

These examples demonstrate different regional and structural approaches - from Oregon State's comprehensive technical LibGuide to University of Zurich's accessible blog-style introduction.

Customization Notes For Libraries

To customize this template for your institution:

1. **Replace bracketed placeholders** with your institution-specific information
2. **Add your institutional access URL** (if available)
3. **Include integration details** with your discovery systems, link resolvers, etc.
4. **Customize the discipline sections** based on your user population
5. **Add local contact information** and support channels
6. **Include your branding elements** and style guide requirements
7. **Consider adding usage statistics** if tracking institutional usage

Optional additions:

- Screenshots of key features
- Local workshop schedules
- Integration with course-specific research guides
- Comparison with other research tools in your collection

Need further assistance?

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