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ResearchHub

The Insider's Guide

Open-science platform with paid peer review and research funding



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI research tools, read from ResearchHub's own pages.

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ARTICLE

Open Science Community & Research Platform

ResearchHub is a collaborative platform for sharing, reviewing, and funding scientific research. Join the open science community.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from ResearchHub's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on ResearchHub's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 8 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade

ResearchHub is a platform for open-access publishing, paid peer review and a funding marketplace for scientific research. Funders pay with its ResearchCoin token, a donor-advised fund, a credit card or Apple Pay. Its About page names Brian Armstrong as cofounder and CEO.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about ResearchHub**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **The pricing is not stated on the pages we could read, and a token economy will put some people off.**
>
> From our report card of ResearchHub

1 **Best for funding and peer-reviewing open science**

That is a different job from searching or summarising papers.

2 **It is free**

ResearchHub has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Funding marketplace**

Links funders with researchers through preregistration, open peer review, capital commitment and linked results.

5 **Paid peer review**

Reviewers are rewarded for reviews; the page cites under 10 days average turnaround.

6 **Open publishing**

Articles published openly with no paywall, through the RH Journal.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 8 of 69**

That is against the other AI research tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

ResearchHub is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

ResearchHub at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY ResearchHub	CATEGORY AI Research Tools
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for funding and peer-reviewing open science

ResearchHub is an open-science site where researchers get funded, publish and are paid for peer review, with rewards running on a cryptocurrency token. That is a different job from searching or summarising papers. The

pricing is not stated on the pages we could read, and a token economy will put some people off.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	ResearchHub	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price on record: the pricing could not be verified from the pages read, so we leave it in the middle with no evidence either way.
Free plan and trial	C	The listing says free but marks it unverified, and the home page shows sign-up and log-in with no plan details.
Features	C	A funding marketplace, paid peer review and open publishing. It does not search, summarise or map the literature, so it covers a different part of the category.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record and you need an account, plus a token for the rewards and bounties.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with no apps, API or integrations listed.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who ResearchHub is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to fund or crowdfund a research project in the open
- ✓ Works for reviewers who would take token payment for peer review

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want to search or summarise papers, because that is not what it does
- ✕ Not for you if you would rather not deal with a cryptocurrency token, as rewards and bounties run on one
- ✕ Watch out: pricing could not be verified from the pages read
- ✕ Too light for a paper-reading workflow, as no reading or citation tools are listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Researchers seeking funding or paid review
- ✓ Funders wanting low indirect costs

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Pricing could not be verified from the pages read.
- ⓘ Rewards and bounties run on a cryptocurrency token.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

Free

No paid plan at all

ResearchHub's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No price on record: the pricing could not be verified from the pages read, so we leave it in the middle with no evidence either way.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm ResearchHub's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. researchhub.com has them.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Open-science platform with paid peer review and research funding. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: research, documents.

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A funding marketplace, paid peer review and open publishing.

From our grade for features

Funding marketplace

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Paid peer review

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Open publishing

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ResearchCoin

An ERC20 token used for bounties and rewards.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

ResearchHub is made by ResearchHub.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

8/69

Other AI research tools it is graded above

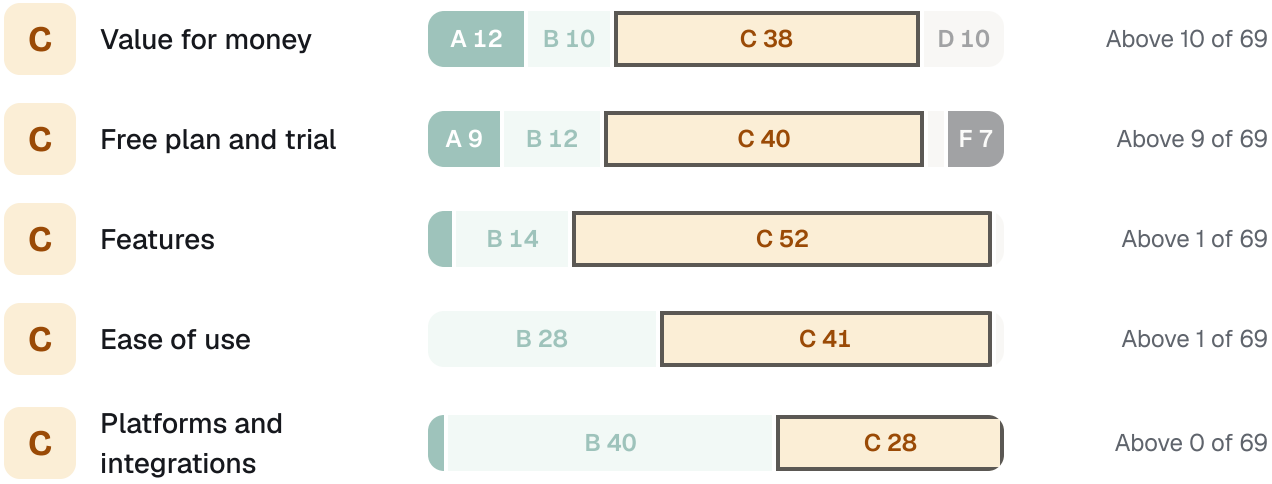
ResearchHub's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 8 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 7.

ResearchHub has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

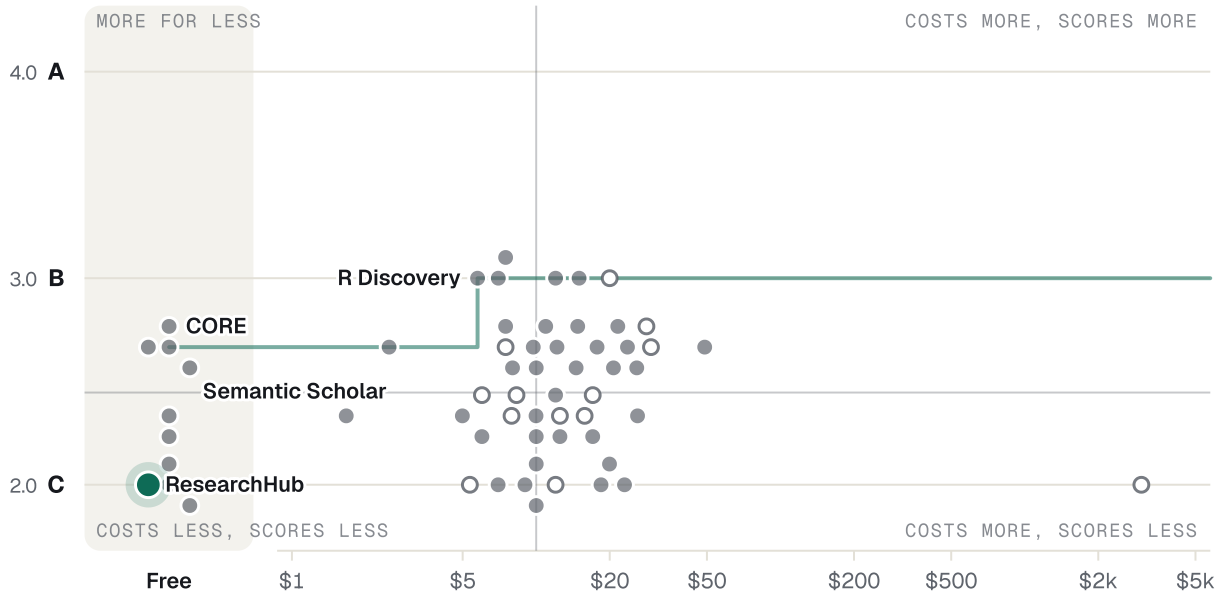
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 70 AI research tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. ResearchHub's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 59 AI research tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. ResearchHub is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

ResearchHub is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 54 of the 69 other AI research tools grade higher.

What you could make

- Documents: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A library of papers and sources to search.

What this rests on. ResearchHub's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Semantic Scholar, alphaXiv, CORE and Open Knowledge Maps

The 4 tools ResearchHub is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Semantic Scholar

Free

Free AI-powered search engine for scientific literature.

- Only Semantic Scholar lists a browser extension.
- ResearchHub also covers documents.
- Semantic Scholar also covers AI search and citations.

ResearchHub and Semantic Scholar compared in full

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alphaXiv

Free plan · from $8/mo

arXiv reading and discovery site with an AI research assistant.

- Only alphaXiv lists an iOS app.
- Only alphaXiv lists a browser extension.
- ResearchHub also covers documents.

ResearchHub and alphaXiv compared in full



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CORE

Free

Open access research search backed by a free API.

- ResearchHub also covers documents.
- CORE also covers AI search.

ResearchHub and CORE compared in full



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Open Knowledge Maps

Free

Free visual maps of a research topic from open scholarly sources.

- ResearchHub also covers documents.
- Open Knowledge Maps also covers mind mapping.

ResearchHub and Open Knowledge Maps compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is ResearchHub free?

Yes. ResearchHub is free to use.

What platforms does ResearchHub work on?

ResearchHub is available on Web.

Does ResearchHub have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. ResearchHub is listed for Web.

Does ResearchHub have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. ResearchHub is listed for Web.

Is ResearchHub open source?

ResearchHub is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Who makes ResearchHub?

ResearchHub is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to ResearchHub?

The closest alternatives to ResearchHub in our directory are Semantic Scholar, alphaXiv, CORE and Open Knowledge Maps.

How does ResearchHub compare with other AI research tools?

ResearchHub's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 8 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 7.

Is ResearchHub good value for money?

ToolGPA grades ResearchHub C for value for money. On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4.

Could I make my own version of ResearchHub?

ResearchHub is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from ResearchHub's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from ResearchHub's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews. Its home page loaded with little readable text and no pricing.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by ResearchHub. Prices change, so check researchhub.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

ResearchHub, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/researchhub

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Every one of the 70 AI research tools we grade, compared

Ai2 Asta Insider's Guide

AI research assistant for finding papers and analyzing data

3.2 GPA

Brave Search Insider's Guide

Private web search engine with its own index and AI answers

3.2 GPA

CORE Insider's Guide

Open access research search backed by a free API

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