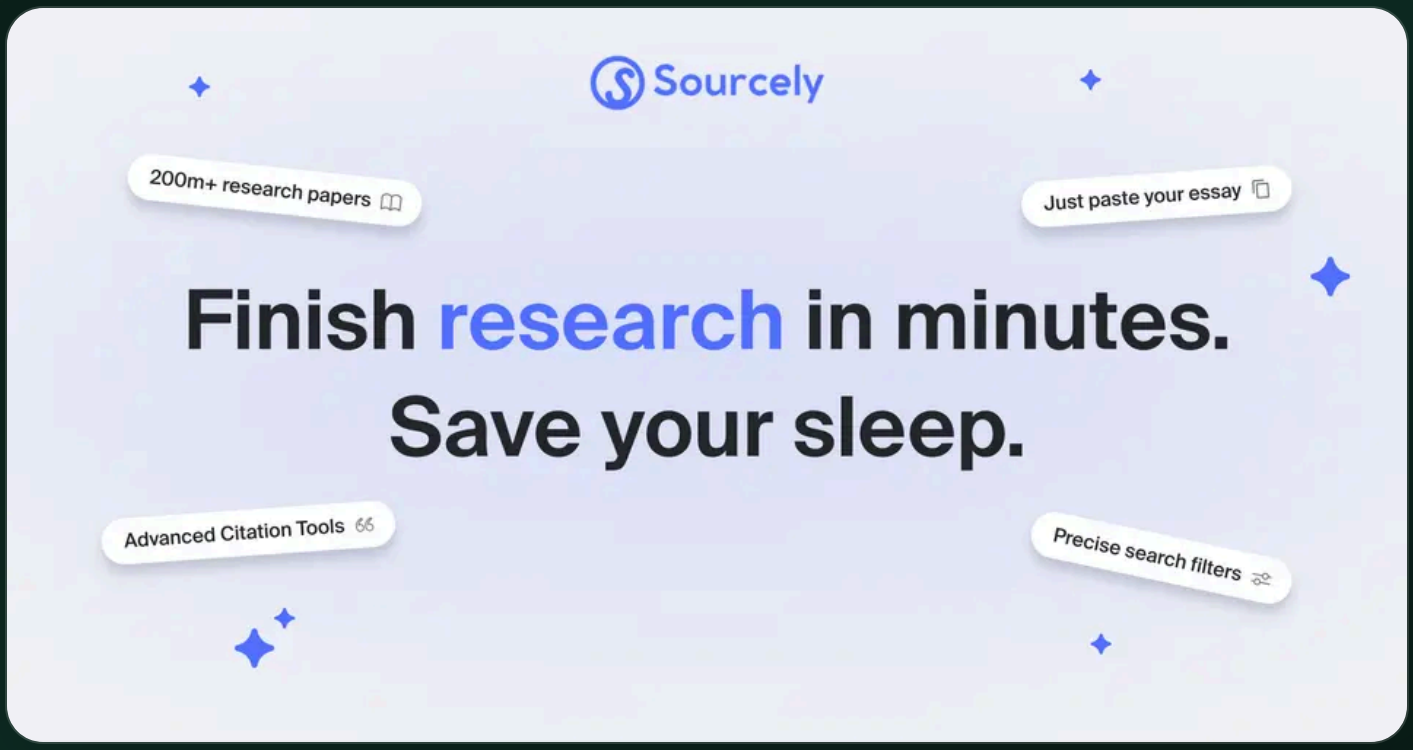
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Sourcely

The Insider's Guide

Paste an essay and find academic sources to cite



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Sourcely's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Sourcely's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

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

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GPA, above 19 of the 49 other AI research tools we grade

Sourcely takes pasted text and searches a database of more than 200 million papers for sources to support it, with summaries, citation export and a personal library. A free version exists, limited mostly to English-language sources. Paid plans add deep searches and source credibility checks.

> **Paste your text and get sources back, with nothing to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Sourcely**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for finding academic sources for an essay you've written**

Sourcely takes pasted text and finds academic sources to cite.

2 **Paid plans start at $9 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $9 per month, billed annually ($17 billed monthly).

3 **There is a free plan**

A free version exists, limited mostly to English-language sources; its other limits are not on the pricing page.

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Source finding from text**

Paste an essay or paragraph and Sourcely highlights citation-worthy parts and suggests sources.

6 **Deep search**

Quick and Deep modes; paid plans include a monthly number of deep searches.

7 **Summaries and chat**

Gives a summary of each source and lets you ask questions about it.

8 **A 2.4 GPA, above 19 of 49**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace Sourcely you would be making a library of papers and sources to search. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Sourcely at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $9 per month, billed annually ($17 billed monthly)	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Sourcely	CATEGORY AI Research Tools
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for finding academic sources for an essay you've written

Sourcely takes pasted text and finds academic sources to cite. Pro is $9 a month billed yearly for 10 deep searches a month, and the free version is

mostly limited to English-language sources.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Sourcely	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Pro is $9 a month billed yearly ($17 monthly), in the middle of the research range. Ultra is $19.
Free plan and trial	C	A free version exists, but its limits aren't on the pricing page beyond being mostly English-language sources.
Features	C	Source finding from text, deep search, summaries, chat, citation export and filters. Deep searches are capped monthly on both paid plans: 10 on Pro, 30 on Ultra.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. Paste your text and get sources back, with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, with MCP support for ChatGPT and Claude.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

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 Sourcely is for

- ✓ Fits if you've drafted an essay and need papers to back it up
- ✓ Works for someone who uses ChatGPT or Claude and wants source search there

Who it is not for

- ✗ Tight if you do a lot of searching: 10 deep searches a month on Pro, 30 on Ultra
- ✗ Not for you if you want to know the free limits first, as they aren't on the pricing page
- ✗ Watch out: the free version is mostly English-language sources
- ✗ Watch out: Ultra's monthly price isn't shown, and there's no app

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Students looking for sources to back an essay
- ✓ Writers who want citations exported in many styles

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Deep searches are capped monthly on both paid plans.
- ⓘ The free version is mostly limited to English-language sources.
- ⓘ The monthly price for Ultra is not shown on the pages read.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$9

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Sourcely has a free plan. Paid plans start at $9 per month, billed annually ($17 billed monthly).

> **A free version exists, but its limits aren't on the pricing page beyond being mostly English-language sources.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

PRO

$9

per month, billed annually ($17 billed monthly)

10 deep searches and 25 source credibility checks a month, plus MCP support.

ULTRA

$19

per month, billed annually

30 deep searches and 100 credibility checks a month, on a smarter AI model.

The free plan

A free version exists, limited mostly to English-language sources; its other limits are not on the pricing page.

Read from sourcely.net on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Save 50% with yearly billing

The pricing page shows a Yearly toggle labeled as saving 50% against monthly billing.

Stated on sourcely.net

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

Paste an essay and find academic sources to cite. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, chat assistant, AI search, research, citations.

> **Source finding from text, deep search, summaries, chat, citation export and filters.**

From our grade for features

Source finding from text

Paste an essay or paragraph and Sourcely highlights citation-worthy parts and suggests sources.

Deep search

Quick and Deep modes; paid plans include a monthly number of deep searches.

Summaries and chat

Gives a summary of each source and lets you ask questions about it.

Citation export

Exports references in more than 700 citation styles and saves sources to a library.

Filters

Narrow results by publication year, authorship and relevance.

MCP support

Paid plans list MCP support for ChatGPT, Claude and similar assistants.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

ChatGPT

Claude

Sourcely is made by Sourcely.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

19/49

Other AI research tools it is graded above

Sourcely's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 19 of the 49 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 13.

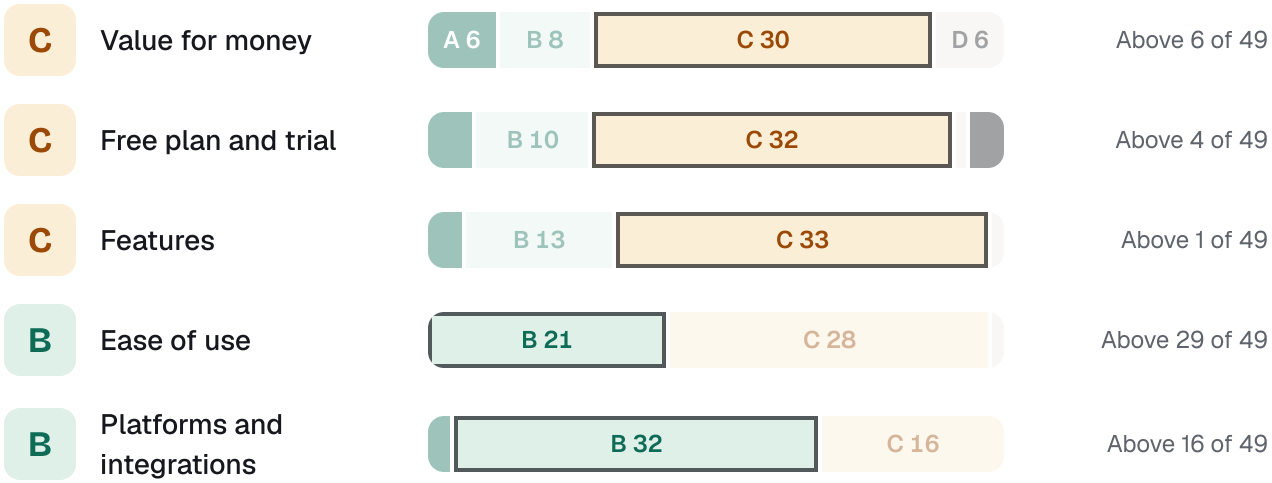
It stands best on ease of use (B, above 29 of 49) and worst on features (C, above 1).

Its paid plans start at $9 a month, against a middle price of $10 for the category: 12 of the 35 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 3 tools score higher and cost less.

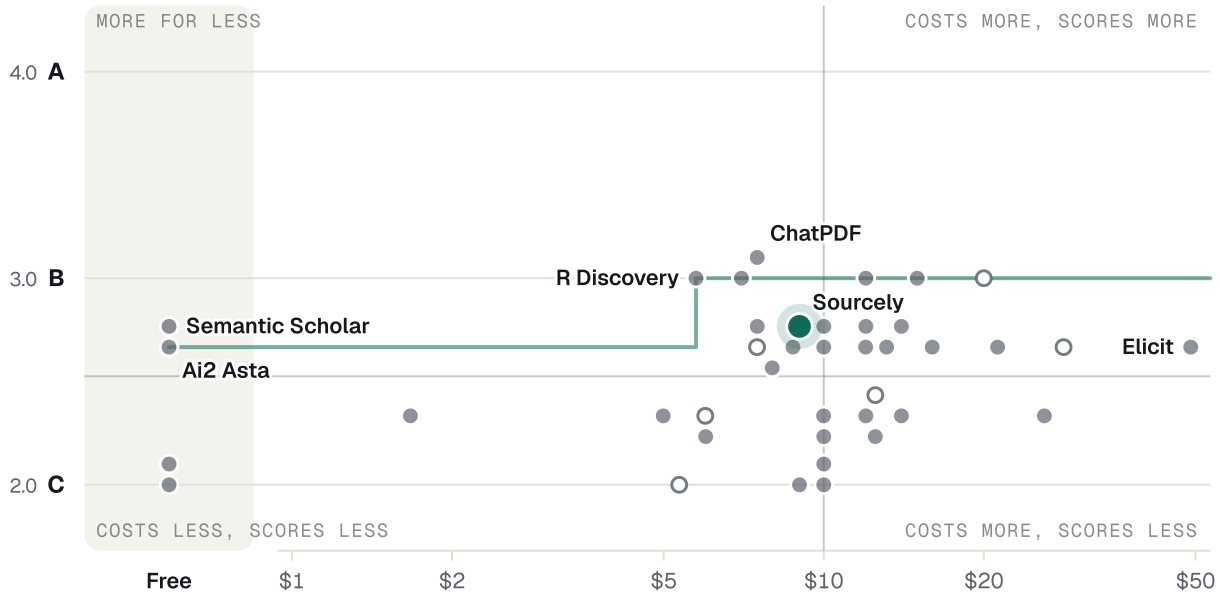
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 50 AI research tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Sourcely's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 40 AI research tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Sourcely 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

To replace Sourcely you would be making a library of papers and sources to search. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $108 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ A library of papers and sources to search.
- ✕ A search engine with an AI model behind it.

- ✕ An AI model, which you can rent by the request but not make.
- ✕ Citation records for millions of papers.

What this rests on. Sourcely'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



Keenious, SciSpace, Elicit, Paperguide and AnswerThis

The 5 tools Sourcely is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Keenious

Free plan · from $10/mo

Academic search that recommends papers from your own text.

Sourcely and Keenious compared in full

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SciSpace

Free plan · from $12/mo

AI research platform for literature review and reading papers.

- Only SciSpace lists an iOS app.
- Only SciSpace lists a browser extension.
- SciSpace also covers AI agents.

Sourcely and SciSpace compared in full



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Elicit

Free plan · from $49/mo

AI research assistant for literature search and systematic reviews.

- Only Elicit lists a browser extension.
- Sourcely also covers chat assistant.
- Elicit also covers AI agents.

Sourcely and Elicit compared in full



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Paperguide

Free plan · from $12/mo

AI research platform for literature and systematic reviews.

- Only Paperguide lists a browser extension.
- Paperguide also covers AI agents and long-form writing.

Sourcely and Paperguide compared in full



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AnswerThis

Free plan · from $14/mo

AI literature review assistant with a library and writer.

- Sourcely also covers chat assistant.
- AnswerThis also covers AI agents and long-form writing.

Sourcely and AnswerThis 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 Sourcely free?

Sourcely has a free plan. A free version exists, limited mostly to English-language sources; its other limits are not on the pricing page.

How much does Sourcely cost?

Sourcely lists 2 plans. Pro: $9 per month, billed annually ($17 billed monthly).

What platforms does Sourcely work on?

Sourcely is available on Web.

Does Sourcely offer any discounts?

Sourcely publicly lists the following: Save 50% with yearly billing.

Does Sourcely have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Sourcely is listed for Web.

Does Sourcely have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Sourcely is listed for Web.

Is Sourcely open source?

Sourcely is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

What does Sourcely integrate with?

Sourcely's listing names ChatGPT and Claude. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Sourcely?

Sourcely is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Sourcely?

The closest alternatives to Sourcely in our directory are Keenious, SciSpace, Elicit, Paperguide and AnswerThis.

How does Sourcely compare with other AI research tools?

Sourcely's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 19 of the 49 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 13.

Is Sourcely good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Sourcely C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $9 a month, against a middle price of $10 for the category: 12 of the 35 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Sourcely?

To replace Sourcely you would be making a library of papers and sources to search.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Sourcely's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Sourcely's own pages on 12 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

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 Sourcely. Prices change, so check sourcely.net before you buy.

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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**.

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tools graded

95
categories

739
price changes on record

579
apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Sourcely, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/sourcely

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

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AI Research Tools Insider's Guide

Every one of the 50 AI research tools we grade, compared

Ai2 Asta Insider's Guide

AI research assistant for finding papers and analyzing data

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Semantic Scholar Insider's Guide

Free AI-powered search engine for scientific literature

3.2 GPA

ChatPDF Insider's Guide

Ask questions about PDFs and get answers with citations

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