

Scopus: the A&I Database of Choice of Students, Faculty & Researchers

Introduction

This case study is based on a May 2017 survey of Scopus customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service.



“Scopus is a very useful tool. I highly recommend it to my postgraduate students.” – Faculty Member, University of New England, United States

“Scopus provides a more comprehensive and wider range of scholarly information, enabling me to get broader insight into the area I am researching.” – Graduate Student, University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

“[With Scopus] alerts I have precise knowledge about developments in my area of study.” – Principle Investigator, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

“We need our Scopus data.” – Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

“[Before Scopus,] it was very difficult to narrow down searches.” – Graduate Student, Arizona State University, United States

“Before access to Scopus, it was impossible to conduct a thorough [literature] search.” – Researcher, University of York, United Kingdom

“Not having access to Scopus would be tantamount to returning to the ‘Stone Age!’” – Graduate Student, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Mayalasia

“Without Scopus, it would [be] even harder to complete the work my university expects of us.” – Faculty Member, Coventry University, United Kingdom

Challenges

Students, faculty and researchers at institutions throughout the world face a variety of challenges in navigating the scholarly information landscape. Survey respondents credit Scopus most often in supporting their work in these key ways:

- 65% use it for tracking citations and/or publications (their own or another author)
- 62% use it to keep themselves informed about advances in their area of expertise/field/discipline
- 46% use it to get ideas for a new research project, direction for their thesis, or to plan experiments
- 38% use it for reading for a course assignment or research project

Use Case

Survey respondents identify three Scopus features in particular that are most valuable to their workflow:

- 75% – Searching for documents and analyzing search results
- 49% – Searching for and viewing their or another author’s profile
- 45% – Exporting documents and citations, and creating bibliographies

Results

66% of survey respondents have used both Scopus and Web of Science. Scopus earns top scores from users in the following areas:

- 89% agree that they prefer Scopus over Web of Science
- 88% agree that it is easier to refine, sort and rank Scopus search results than those on Web of Science
- 88% agree that Scopus delivers more relevant search results when compared to Web of Science
- 86% agree that coverage of their field is broader and more accurate on Scopus than Web of Science
- 86% agree that the number of titles and publishers indexed by Scopus is more than Web of Science

Organizational Profile

Industry:
Educational Institutions

Location:
Global

About Scopus

Scopus features smart tools to track, analyze and visualize research. It delivers a comprehensive overview of the world’s research output in the fields of science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and arts and humanities. Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, indexing journals, books, conference proceedings and trade publications.

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