Trends in Use of Citation Management Tools for Thesis and Dissertation Production

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Citation Management Tools (1)









Citation Management Tools (2)









Survey Questions (1) (all responders)

- Do you feel your college or university provides adequate training opportunity for students that want or need to learn how to use a citation management application?
- Do you feel your college or university invests enough resources in acquiring the most effective citation management applications?
- In your opinion, is it a Library or Information Technology support role to help students learn a citation management application?

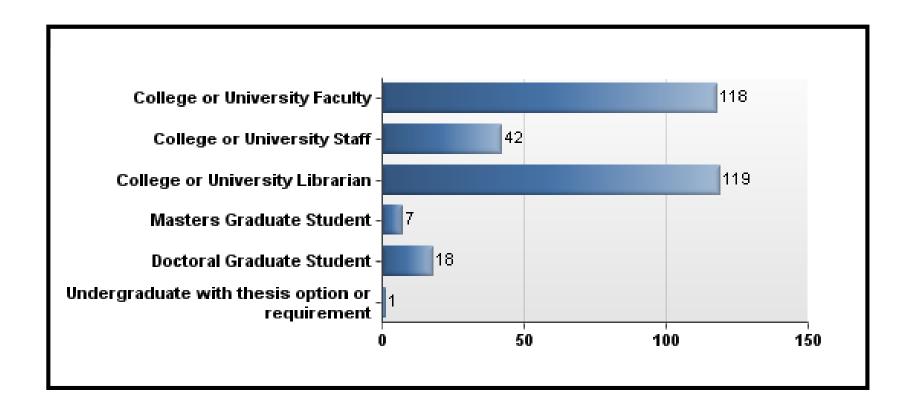


Survey Questions (2) (all responders)

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Profession categories for survey completion (n=305)





Academic status cross-tabulated with response to public or private university

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		Public	Private	Total
Please indicate your academic status	College or University Faculty	110 93.22%	8 6.78%	118 100.00%
	College or University Staff	36 85.71%	6 14.29%	42 100.00%
	College or University Librarian	75 63.03%	44 36.97%	119 100.00%
	Masters Graduate Student	5 71.43%	2 28.57%	7 100.00%
	Doctoral Graduate Student	9 50.00%	9 50.00%	18 100.00%
	Undergraduate with thesis option or requirement	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
	Total	236 77.38%	69 22.62%	305 100.00%



Do you feel your college or university provides adequate training opportunity for students that want or need to learn how to use a citation management application? (n=303)

	Please indicate your academic status						
	College or University Faculty	College or University Staff	College or University Librarian	Masters Graduate Student	Doctoral Graduate Student	Undergraduate with thesis option or requirement	Total
Absolutely not	7	4	3	0	1	0	15
No	19	7	21	2	6	0	55
Not sure	43	16	29	2	6	1	97
Yes	40	11	49	1	4	0	105
Absolutely	8	4	16	2	1	0	31
Total	117	42	118	7	18	1	303



Do you feel your college or university invests enough resources in acquiring the most effective citation management applications? (n=300)

	Please indicate your academic status						
	College or University Faculty	College or University Staff	College or University Librarian	Masters Graduate Student	Doctoral Graduate Student	Undergraduate with thesis option or requirement	Total
Absolutely not	4	2	4	0	1	0	11
No	18	7	22	1	6	0	54
Not sure	61	18	21	3	5	0	108
Yes	29	12	56	1	4	0	102
Absolutely	4	3	15	2	1	0	25
Total	116	42	118	7	17	0	300



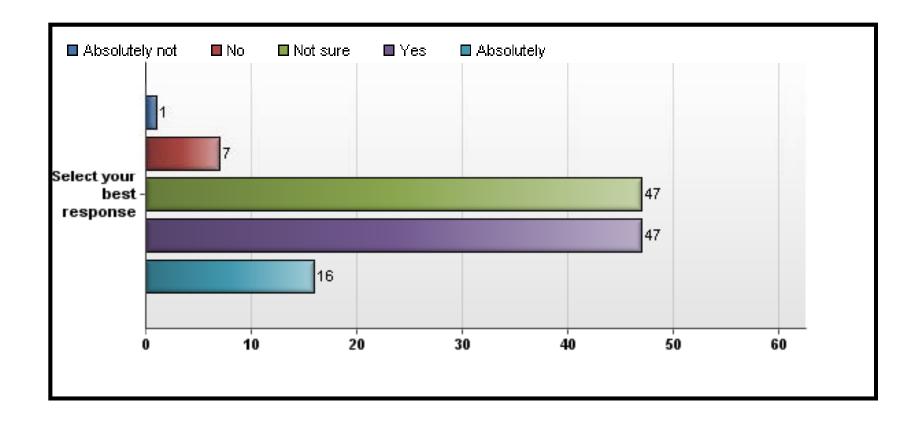


In your opinion, is it a Library or Information Technology support role to help students learn a citation management application? (n=303)

	Please indicate your academic status						
	College or University Faculty	College or University Staff	College or University Librarian	Masters Graduate Student	Doctoral Graduate Student	Undergraduate with thesis option or requirement	Total
Library	95	31	108	7	12	1	254
Information Technology	12	8	4	0	4	0	28
Other	10	3	6	0	2	0	21
Total	117	42	118	7	18	1	303



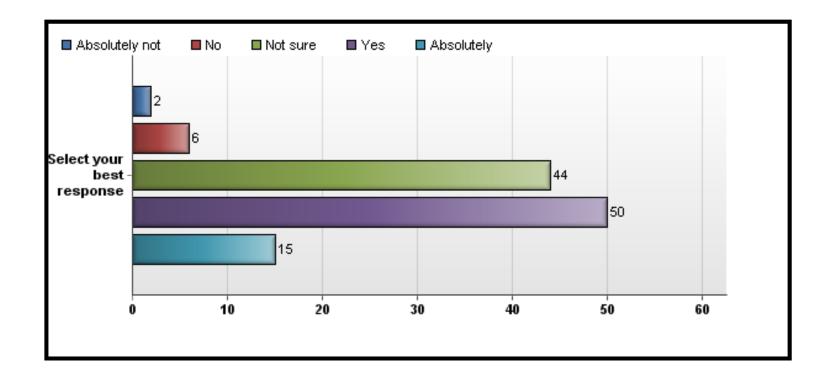
Librarian responses: Are faculty advisers supportive of library efforts to promote use of citation management tools in thesis or dissertation production? Select your best response (n=118)





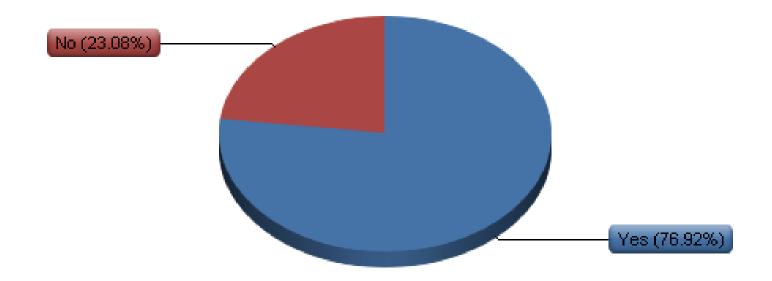


Faculty response: Are library and information technology staff supportive of faculty efforts to promote use of citation management tools in thesis or dissertation writing? (n=117)





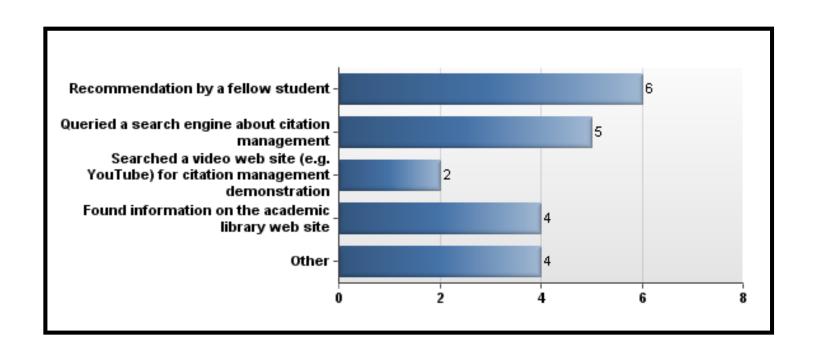
Student response: Did you use a citation management program in preparing your thesis or dissertation manuscript? (n=26)







How did you learn about citation management product and decide to use it? Select all that are appropriate (n=12)





Conclusion

