

Resources and Tips for Scientific Writing and Citations

Writing

Read and write!

- The best way to become a better writer is to practice!
- Many schools have Writing Centers or library staff that can help
- If you are interested in submitting to a particular journal, read it frequently to become familiar with the types of articles published, the writing style, the length of the articles, etc.

Grammarly

- www.grammarly.com
- Website, Chrome add-in, apps, Facebook
- Check a specific piece of writing and get general tips

Invest in a comprehensive dictionary and thesaurus

- Some of the style guides listed below have specific recommendations

Reference Styles

American Psychological Association

- APA Style webpage: http://www.apastyle.org/index.aspx?_ga=1.82885009.681614926.1461621842
- APA Style blog: <http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/>
- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition* (print version): <http://www.apa.org/pubs/books/4200066.aspx>

University of Chicago Press – Chicago Manual of Style

- *Chicago Manual of Style, 16th Edition*: <http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/C/bo8540260.html>
- Chicago Manual of Style Online: <http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>

American Medical Association

- AMA Manual of Style: <http://www.amamanualofstyle.com/>
- *AMA Manual of Style*, print version: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/ama-manual-of-style-9780195176339?q=ama%20manual%20of%20style&lang=en&cc=us>

Associated Press (AP)

- *AP Stylebook* Online: <https://www.apstylebook.com/>
- Print version: <https://www.apstylebook.com/apbookstore/invoice.php?pid=978-0-917360-61-9>

Other Resources

- Many academic libraries have their own online guides to these styles (or a real person who can help)
- Some libraries put them online so anyone can use them
 - Purdue University (Example – APA style: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>)
- Helpful for difficult references like legal citations

Citation Software

- A database where you can save your references, share with colleagues, add specific references to a manuscript, and format references in various styles
- Well-known examples: EndNote, CiteULike, Mendeley, Zotero
- Many now web-based, and basic versions are free
- Wikipedia has an extensive comparison chart: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_reference_management_software

