Zotero plugins for PhD students

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Six plugins for a library that has to last a whole PhD: citations for LaTeX and Markdown, files kept in order, notes that turn into chapters, and a map of the literature.

Each is graded B or better after a check of its code, and works with Zotero 10.

1 Cite in LaTeX, Overleaf or Markdown

If you write in LaTeX or Markdown

B

Better BibTeX for Zotero

Stable citation keys, and a .bib file that updates itself whenever a collection changes. It also works with Pandoc and Markdown note apps.

B because it launches programs on your computer

`zoteroplugins.org/p/zotero-better-bibtex`

2 Keep thousands of PDFs in order

A

ZotMoov

Moves attachments into a folder you choose, such as OneDrive or Dropbox, so your files stay organised outside Zotero's storage and open on any computer.

`zoteroplugins.org/p/zotmoov`

3 Keep one copy of each source

A+

Zoplicate

Catches duplicates the moment you import, merges them without losing attachments or notes, and bulk-merges the ones already in your library.

`zoteroplugins.org/p/zoplicate`

4 Turn reading into writing

A

Better Notes for Zotero

Literature notes built from your highlights with templates, linked with backlinks and outlines, with two-way Markdown sync.

`zoteroplugins.org/p/zotero-better-notes`

Or, if you keep your notes in Obsidian:

A

ZotLit

Creates Obsidian literature notes from your items and annotations, using your own templates.

`zoteroplugins.org/p/zotlit`

5 Map the literature

A

Inciteful Zotero Plugin

A graph search from a collection finds the most connected papers in a field, and Connect Papers finds the work that links two of them.

`zoteroplugins.org/p/inciteful-zotero-plugin`

6 Automate the routine

A

Actions and Tags for Zotero

Rules that tag new items, mark papers when you open them, or run a script from a shortcut. Worth setting up once your library passes a few hundred items.

`zoteroplugins.org/p/zotero-actions-tags`

Install: download each plugin's .xpi file from its page, then in Zotero choose Tools › Plugins, click the gear, and Install Plugin From File. Step by step: zoteroplugins.org/install

Grades come from a check of each plugin's code: A+ Recommended, tested in Zotero · A Recommended · B Use with care, read why first.

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