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“WI+RE has had an incredibly positive influence on my current role post-graduation and my experiences leading up to it! The foundational UX and instructional design skill set WI+RE applies to our training and projects was exactly the type of experience I needed, and my interviewers were very impressed with the project development and impact I described. I do not think I would have been nearly as competitive an applicant for my current role without my time at WI+RE”



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Week 3

What are your favorite strategies for choosing a research topic?

Place a sticker inside the shape for each answer you agree with.

FLIP ME! ←

- Skim books or articles in my subject area
- Search online for ideas
- Brainstorm topics of interest
- Review past coursework
- Work on my advisor or principal investigator's (PI) research topic
- My research topic is pre-selected

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Research Strategies Series

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Turn Headings into Questions



Jen



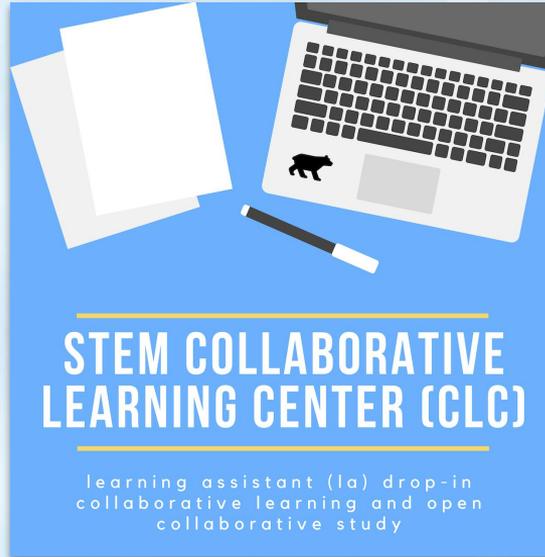
Cassandra Bautista
WI+RE Team and Sciences Social
Media Assistant
Chemical Engineering, Class of 2019

“Coming from a chemical engineering background, it was difficult for me to find a place that could give me my first steps into the design industry.

However, my job at the UCLA Library gave me an opportunity to get involved in graphic design and a chance to express my creativity and artistic style. I am now more confident than ever about pursuing a career in the industry I am most passionate about.”

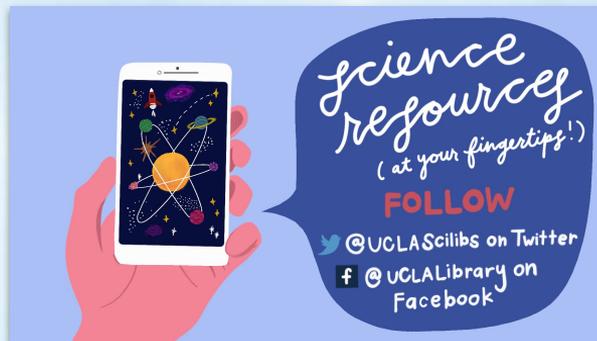


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Caitlin Meyer

**Research & Education
Librarian at Yale Medical
Library**

“WI+RE definitely got me my job at Yale. With the projects I was a part of, I was able to demonstrate my ability to create online learning materials. This wasn't even originally part of their vision for this position, but after seeing my skill set, they added it!”



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Introduction to Zotero

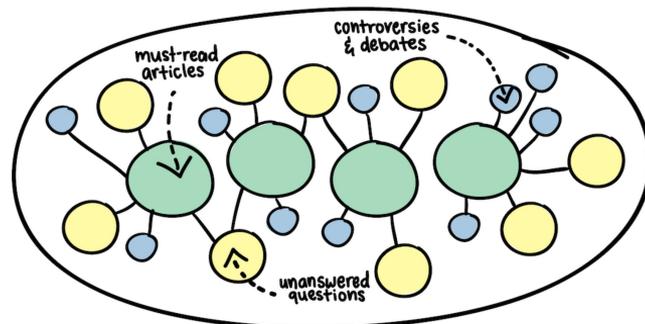
In this tutorial, we'll introduce you to Zotero, a *free* software application that helps you:

keep track of your information while you search,
create citations while you write,
and generate a formatted bibliography in seconds.

It works with , , , ,  and more!

► Let's get started!

Review Article





Taylor Harper
Instructional Design Assistant
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“WI+RE instilled in me a deep sense of what I want out of a working environment and what I hope to foster in my work—collaboration, clear communication, and an understanding that my perspective is valuable, but not the only one.”



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Quick Tips for Contacting Instructors Over Email

1 Header

- ✔ Email well in advance of when you need your question answered.
- ✔ Use a professional email address.
- ✔ Include a subject line that is specific and includes identifying information.

2 Greeting

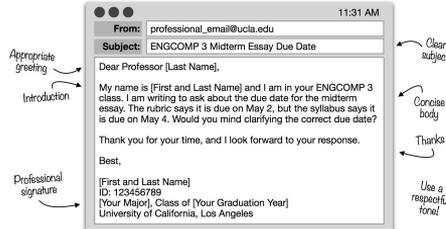
- ✔ Use a formal greeting like "Hello" or "Dear" instead of "Hey" or "Hi!"
- ✔ Use the correct prefix for your instructor! A quick google search will tell you if they have a PhD. Otherwise, Professor is usually a safe bet.

3 Body

- ✔ Identify yourself! If you are in a class with the instructor, identify the class name and the project you are working on.
- ✔ Clearly state the purpose of your email and what you have done already to resolve the problem.
- ✔ Provide all necessary information in the first email to minimize the email exchange.
- ✔ Close with a question or statement that clearly says what action you want them to take.

4 Closing

- ✔ Thank them for their time!
- ✔ Sign off and include your name/signature and any important identifying information your instructor may need (e.g. ID number).



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Finding Articles

- Using advanced search
- Narrowing your results with filters
- Finding the full text of articles.





Kian Ravaei
Instructional Design Assistant
UCLA Library WI+RE

“What I love most about the WI+RE team is that it's a crossroads between academia and design. Coming out of WI+RE, I will feel confident whether I choose an academic or non-academic career, because I have acquired the skills to thrive in both.”



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Instructional Design Assistant
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Writing for Your Discipline Style Guide

Basics
Get to know the basic conventions for academic writing in a specific discipline.

Tense
What tenses do they use (e.g. past, present)? Do they switch tenses if so, when?

Person
Do the authors write in the first or third person? If first person, do they use first person pronouns frequently or infrequently? Do they avoid personal pronouns altogether?

1-2 sentences from the text which demonstrate the person:

The *Writing for Your Discipline* Style Guide is a fillable Google Doc that helps you identify key aspects of writing in a certain field and guides you through the process of creating your own writing guide.

[Writing for Your Discipline Style Guide](#)

Plan Your Reading Session



PRIMARY + SECONDARY SOURCES



“WI+RE has challenged me to think more about the learning process itself and has also taught me analytical and interpersonal skills that will help me in whatever I decide to pursue.”

April Zhou
Instructional Design Assistant
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