Citing ChatGPT and other generative AI

Where an assignment requires ChatGPT to be cited, you must reference all the content from generative AI tools that you include. Failure to reference externally sourced, non-original work can result in academic misconduct.

Your references should provide clear and accurate information for each source and should identify where they have been used in your work.

Citing generative AI content for specific referencing styles

Where there is no official guidance, we recommend that you base the reference for generative AI content on the format for **personal communication** or **correspondence**.

Currently, content from generative AI is a nonrecoverable source as it can't be retrieved or linked. However, you can use Google Chrome's extension ShareGPT to generate a unique URL to use in your referencing (you'll need to restart Chrome for it to work).

We recommend that you use this style sheet in conjunction with your School's referencing guide, the Library's Referencing Guide, and our Academic Skills Kit. Check the referencing style used in your course for how to cite generative AI or follow the format of our examples:

Cite Them Right Harvard

Cite Them Right have released official guidance for how you should cite generative AI in the Harvard style:

If acknowledging the use of the tool generally in creation of your work:

In-text citation

See the photo of what a humanoid white tiger would look like (Shutterstock AI, 2023).

Referencing format:
Creator (Year) Title of work [Medium]. Available at: URL (Accessed: date).

Reference list example:

Shutterstock AI (2023) Photo portrait of humanoid white tiger hybrid [Digital art]. Available at: https://www.shutterstock.com/image-generated/photo-portrait-humanoid-white-tiger-hybrid-2278820629 (Accessed: 28 June 2023).

If directly quoting / citing a response from generative AI:

In-text example:

When asked to explain why groups of children are incapable of forming a circle, ChatGPT 3 (OpenAI Chat GPT, 2023) response included ....as see in Appendix 1.

Referencing format:
Name of AI (Year of communication) Medium of communication Receiver of communication, Day/month of communication.

Reference list example:

OpenAI ChatGPT (2023) ChatGPT response to Lorna Smith, 3 April.

APA 7th

APA and Cite Them Right have given official guidance on how to reference generative AI:

In-text citation format:
(Communicator, Year)

In-text example:
(OpenAI, 2023). or (OpenAI, 2023; see Appendix A for the full transcript).

Reference list:
OpenAI. (2023). *ChatGPT* (May 24 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/chat

Chicago 17th

Cite Them Right have given official guidance on how to reference generative AI:

In-text citation:

> When prompted by the author, ChatGPT responded with a 'definition of academic success' as follows...

Or you can give a more formal citation using a footnote:

Footnote format:
1. Text generated by Name of AI, Month day, year, Developer, URL.

Footnote example:
1. Text generated by ChatGPT, June 28, 2023, OpenAI, https://chat.openai.com/auth/login.

MLA

Cite Them Right have given official guidance on how to reference generative guidance.
More guidance can be found on the official MLA style website: How do I cite generative AI in MLA style?

In-text citation format:
(Short form Title of source)

In-text example:
("Describe the symbolism")

Work cited format:
"Description of generated content". Name of AI, version, Developer, Date content was generated, URL.

Works cited example:
"Describe the symbolism of the green light in the book The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald". *ChatGPT*, 24 May version, OpenAI, 28 Jun. 2023, chat.openai.com/chat.

Biomedical Vancouver

Until official guidance, for Biomedical Vancouver you will need to reference generative AI as personal correspondence. These are only cited in the in-text citation:

The text of your document must include:
Type of communication / Communicator / Date in this format (Day Month Year)

In-text example:
In an online chat with OpenAI's ChatGPT AI language model (7 February 2023) …

Reference list:

You do not need to include an entry in the reference list.

IEEE

Until official guidance, for IEEE you will need to reference generative AI as unpublished sources:

Reference list format:
[Reference number]   Initial. Surname, "Title," unpublished.

Reference list example:
[54]   OpenAI, "ChatGPT 3 response to prompt to outline 3 reasons why children can't form circles," unpublished.

MHRA

Until official guidance is released, you will need to reference generative AI as personal correspondence for APA. These are only cited in the in-text citation:

In-text example:
In an online chat with OpenAI's ChatGPT AI language model on the 7th February 2023 ...

Reference list:
You do not need to include an entry in the reference list.

OSCOLA

Until official guidance is released, you will need to reference generative AI as personal communications for OSCOLA. These are only cited in footnotes:

Footnote format:
Footnote number. Form of communication from Author (Date).

Footnote example:
2. ChatGPT 3 response to prompt to outline 3 reasons why children can't form circles from OpenAI (7 February 2023).

Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)

Until official guidance is released, you will need to reference generative AI as personal communications for RSC:

Reference list example:

OpenAI, unpublished work.

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