

Referencing Generative AI (GenAI) sources in your work

Assignment guidelines will inform you about the appropriateness of using GenAI tools for the development of your assignments.

If your tutor has made it clear that you can use GenAI tools for a particular assessment, then you should acknowledge, describe, and reference its use.

Most referencing systems have guidance on how to quote content generated by GAI/AI tools (usually with reference to ChatGPT) so students should consult these:

o [Harvard Guide](#) to citing Generative Artificial Intelligence tools

AI (Artificial Intelligence)	OpenAI (2023) or (OpenAI, 2023)	OpenAI (2023) or (OpenAI, 2023)	OpenAI (2023) <i>ChatGPT</i> [large language model]. OpenAI. Available from: < https://chat.openai.com > [accessed 15 August 2024].
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o [APA guide to citing Generative Artificial Intelligence tools](#)

Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation	References
(OpenAI, 2023)	OpenAI (2023)	OpenAI. (2023). <i>ChatGPT</i> (Mar 14 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/chat

[Chicago Guide to citing Generative Artificial Intelligence tools](#)

Template	Example
Footnote Text generated by Name of AI tool, Name of Organisation, month date, year used	1. Text generated by ChatGPT, OpenAI, January 6, 2025 https://chat.openai.com/chat .
Author-date (Name of AI tool, month date, year)	(ChatGPT, January 6, 2025)
Bibliography/Reference List	
Because AI prompts and responses are treated as private communications, they are not included in reference lists or bibliographies in Chicago referencing; they are cited as footnotes only .	

MLA Guide to citing Generative Artificial Intelligence tools

Template	Example
Paraphrased within text: The prompt you used to generate the AI response.	It is recommended that all quotes should be attributed ("How to cite AI tools") so that you are not accused of plagiarism.
Bibliography/Reference List Your prompt to the AI tool, Name of AI tool version date, Name of Organisation, date content was generated, URL	"How to cite AI tools" prompt. ChatGPT, 24 Oct. version, OpenAI, 6 Jan. 2025, chat.openai.com/chat.

OSCOLA have yet to provide official guidance. This guidance is based on best practice within other UK Universities

Template	Example
Footnote Creator of AI Name of AI Form of communication including input/prompt (Date).	OpenAI ChatGPT response to prompt 'what is the law in the UK regarding domestic abuse?' (27 October 2024).
Bibliography Creator and title of AI, medium of communication and receiver of communication < URL where AI can be accessed > accessed: date	OpenAI ChatGPT, ChatGPT response to author https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt accessed: 27 October 2024.

MHRA have yet to provide official guidance. This guidance is based on best practice within other UK Universities with the convention to reference as **private correspondence**.

Template	Example
Footnote Creator and title of AI, response to Name of person who entered prompt(s) and received response(s) [this would be <i>your name</i> if you used the AI], Date Month Year used.	OpenAI, ChatGPT response to Tom Smith, 27 October 2024.
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