

Citing and referencing generative artificial intelligence (GenAI)

Should you decide to use GenAI output in your work, it is still necessary and important for you to acknowledge its usage and provide a full citation and reference list entry.

GenAI technologies include Open AI's ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, Anthropic's Claude, Open AI's DALL-E or Midjourney. **All of them require referencing in order to avoid any accusations of plagiarism.** Types of material that might be generated by AI includes text, images, code and even ideas – anything that is not your own original creation or thought should be appropriately referenced.

Any usage of GenAI in the process of undertaking an assignment **MUST** be acknowledged by [submitting a 'Declaration of AI Use' form](#) with your work.

This is provisional advice and may be subject to change as official guidelines for various referencing styles are updated. Please also consult any guidance that your Faculty or School has produced on using generative AI for your academic work. Please also check with your module leader as to whether they require appendices of all your AI communication.

Harvard

The following information has been taken from [Cite Them Right Online](#) – the University of Greenwich's key resource to help you with your referencing.

For AI-generated chat content created by your prompts:

In-text citation	When prompted by the author to define 'academic integrity', ChatGPT (OpenAI, 2026) responded this definition...
Reference list structure	Name of AI company (Year) AI-generated [medium] by [name of AI] with prompt '...', Day month. Available at: URL of chat (Accessed: day month year).
Example	OpenAI (2026) AI-generated text by ChatGPT with prompt 'what is the definition of academic integrity?', 7 January. Available at: https://chatgpt.com/share/6942958b-cc7c-8005-ab7b-8b5db02db591 (Accessed: 7 January 2025).

For AI-generated content freely accessible online:

In-text citation	This AI-generated image of a book desk (Pixabay, 2023)...
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Reference list structure	Name of AI company (Year) <i>Title of work</i> [medium]. Available at: DOI or URL (Accessed: day month year).
Example	Pixabay (2023) <i>Photo of a book desk</i> [Digital art]. Available at: https://pixabay.com/illustrations/a-book-desk-read-literature-8345133 (Accessed: 7 January 2026).

American Psychological Association (APA 7th)

The following information has been taken from the APA's [‘Citing generative AI in APA Style’ blog](#):

In-text citation	When prompted by the author to list grammar concepts that students should know by the end of high school, ChatGPT (OpenAI, 2026) responded...
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Reference list structure	AI company name. (Year, month day). <i>Title of chat</i> [Description, such as Generative AI]. Tool Name/Model. URL of the chat
Example	OpenAI. (2025, August 21). <i>High school grammar concepts</i> [Generative AI chat]. ChatGPT. https://chatgpt.com/share/68a77b60-0ee4-800c-9acc-cd3fd573c311

OSCOLA (Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities)

The following information has been taken from the full 2026 (5th edition) [OSCOLA guide](#):

Footnote citation	¹ ChatGPT, response to prompt ‘What is the definition of academic integrity?’, Open AI (7 January 2026).
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Reference list structure	AI company name Name of AI program response to prompt... ‘Summary of prompt’ (Day month year)
Example	OpenAI ChatGPT, Response to prompt ‘what is the definition of academic integrity?’ (7 January 2026)

Turabian (Chicago 18th)

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Footnote citation	¹ Response to “What is the definition of academic integrity?” OpenAI ChatGPT, January 7, 2026, https://chatgpt.com/share/6942958b-cc7c-8005-ab7b-8b5db02db591 .
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Reference list structure	Name of AI company. Response to “...” Name of AI program, Month day, year, URL.
Example	OpenAI. Response to “What is the definition of academic integrity?” ChatGPT, January 7, 2026. https://chatgpt.com/share/6942958b-cc7c-8005-ab7b-8b5db02db591 .

Vancouver

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In-text citation	When prompted by the author, OpenAI’s ChatGPT (2026 January 7) responded with a ‘definition of academic integrity’...
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Reference list structure	Name of AI company. Name of AI program. Version [medium]. Location of AI company: name of AI company. Year month day of AI program release [cited year month day]. Available from: URL
Example	Open AI. ChatGPT. Version GPT-5.2 [software]. San Francisco, CA: OpenAI. 2025 Dec 11 [cited 2026 Jan 7]. Available from: https://chatgpt.com/share/6942958b-cc7c-8005-ab7b-8b5db02db591

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)

Currently, no detailed official guidance has been released for citing and referencing generative AI for the IEEE style. The following information has been taken and adapted from [Cite Them Right Online](#) – the University of Greenwich’s key resource to help you with your referencing.

In-text citation	Open AI’s ChatGPT [1] produced the following response when asked for a definition of the term phrase ‘academic integrity’...
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Reference list structure	[Reference number] Name of AI company. Response to “...” Name of AI program, Month day, year, URL.
Example	[1] OpenAI. Response to “What is the definition of academic integrity?” ChatGPT, January 7, 2026, https://chatgpt.com/share/6942958b-cc7c-8005-ab7b-8b5db02db591 .