



Pioneer Research Program Policy for ChatGPT and Generative AI Tools

Pioneer Academics expects all scholars to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, which means the practice of behaving ethically, honestly, and responsibly in all their scholarly work, with a particular emphasis on submitting your own original work and citing (i.e., giving credit to) the source of any words or ideas that are not your own.

Pioneer recognizes that ChatGPT and similar generative AI tools can be valuable for purposes of learning and research when used appropriately. However, because the potential misuse of these tools could lead to academic dishonesty or plagiarism, Pioneer has put in place the following guidelines for use of ChatGPT and generative AI tools in academic work in the Pioneer Research Program:

- The use of generative AI tools including but not limited to ChatGPT is permitted **only with the explicit permission of the professor**. Scholars are strictly prohibited from using generative AI to produce written work on any assignments, including their final research paper, unless they have received permission from their professor. Unauthorized use of generative AI tools may be considered an act of academic misconduct and may result in a failing grade or removal from the Pioneer Research Program.
- It is NEVER acceptable to present the words or ideas of others as your own unless you are the sole original author. Regardless of the source, any time you include words or ideas that are not your own, you must cite that source according to the appropriate style guidelines. **This applies just as much to generative AI as to any other source. Therefore, Any use of generative AI must be acknowledged through formal citations.** MLA, APA, and Chicago Style are the most widely used formats across the Pioneer Research Program and you can find guidelines for citing generative AI in each of these formats on their official websites at these links (if your professor requires a different citation style, ask your professor for help in formatting citations for AI-generated work):
 - [APA Style](#)
 - [MLA Style](#)
 - [Chicago Style](#)
- Scholars should be aware that the output of ChatGPT and other generative AI tools Should NOT be trusted, as these tools frequently produce incorrect information. If scholars have received permission to use AI tools in their work, they are expected to carefully check the information for accuracy and are solely responsible for the content and factual accuracy of the information in their written work, including the final research paper.

If you have any questions about the use of ChatGPT or other AI tools, you can reach out to your professor or PCA.