



Transparent Reporting of Use or Non-Use of GenAI in InterD Program Applications

Generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) is a category of technology that “learns” from large datasets such as Wikipedia, books, or artwork, and finds patterns in these to generate statistically probable, human-like content based upon a user’s prompt. Content can be in the form of text, image, audio, video and software code, depending on the tool. GenAI options, along with various approaches for navigating GenAI use are described in the USask Artificial Intelligence Principles and Guidelines (<https://leadership.usask.ca/initiatives/ai/index.php>).

The use of GenAI in the completion of InterD applications (including all its components) is not recommended. However, if the applicant has relevant training regarding responsible use of GenAI (examples of training are provided at the end of this document), understands the risks/costs involved with this technology, has discussed it with the prospective supervisor(s), and the supervisor(s) wishes to allow the candidate to complete certain tasks using Generative AI, the use must be disclosed using Table 1 below.

This disclosure policy is implemented **effective September 1st, 2026**, and pertains only to the candidates’ **applications** to Interdisciplinary graduate programs (not to work conducted by graduate students from Interdisciplinary Studies when completing courses toward their program or completing their graduate thesis/project) and regarding the use of **generative** artificial intelligence (not other forms of AI), as explained in the following note.

Note: The statements in Table 1 pertain to **generative** AI only, using the university-approved software.

The use of AI-assisted software such as Research Rabbit IS ALLOWED for InterD applications and does not need to be disclosed because it is not considered “generative” in nature: it only finds associated citations and does not read or write content. Please note that some database search engines from the USask Libraries may use AI in their search functionality and they are allowed for literature searches to support the research statements from the InterD applications; their use for citations does not affect the options you select in Table 1 (i.e., no disclosure is necessary for them). However, some databases can provide GenAI summaries of the associated search results, and candidates are expected to disclose any use of such summaries in Table 1.



Please check the applicable option(s) below:

Table 1

1	GenAI was NOT used	☐ GenAI was not used at any point during the InterD application process. The application content has been completed entirely without GenAI assistance.
2	GenAI was used for idea generation and/or methodological development	☐ Suggest a research question, key points, topic areas ☐ Recommend approaches for conducting research ☐ Design an experiment, survey, semi-structured interview, or process ☐ Other. Please explain GenAI use on the next page.
3	GenAI was used for idea structuring and summarizing	☐ Create an outline for an essay, paper or report ☐ Sort ideas according to criteria ☐ Summarize key points from text inputted as a prompt ☐ Generate counterarguments to key points Please explain GenAI use on the next page.
4	GenAI was used for editing assistance	☐ Proofread a draft for certain kinds of errors or issues ☐ Improve a statement or research question ☐ Rewrite a student paragraph in a different tone ☐ Rewrite a student draft for improved grammar, verb tense ☐ Rewrite a draft to change word count ☐ Translate from one language into another ☐ Other. Please explain GenAI use on the next page.
5	GenAI was used for task completion	☐ Change a text-based story into a visual, or vice versa ☐ Generate a case study, piece of art, concept map, thematic representation ☐ Transform a large data set ☐ Generate code for a standard or novel problem ☐ Other. Please explain GenAI use on the next page.



Please provide any details of GenAI use in your InterD program application below.

Make sure to include the name of the technology, type of use and scale/extent of use.

If generative AI is used for multiple purposes, each use must be listed separately.

Key reminders about responsible use of GenAI:

- Even if GenAI is used, there is always human accountability of work presented in the document/application.
- The writer should not cite a source unless they have read the source and should exercise caution in the use of GenAI to avoid infringement of copyright or other intellectual property protections.
- Search histories, prompts used, and other details may be provided in the proposal appendices, if appropriate.

Candidate name

Candidate signature

Supervisor name

Supervisor signature

Date: _____



Information about GenAI and Its Responsible Use – USask Training Options

Tutorials for students and for faculty regarding responsible GenAI use and the implications of AI use are available at: [AI Literacy Framework - Artificial Intelligence at USask](#).

The Ethical and Responsible AI Use is summarized on page 3 of the AI Literacy framework for students: [DEC AI Literacy Framework](#).

Further, to educate students and postdoctoral fellows, a module titled “Ethical and Responsible Use of Generative AI” is available within the USask Library Research Guide - Academic Integrity Tutorial and incorporated into GPS 960 – the required ethics and academic integrity course for all graduate students.