

GMCTL AI Disclosure Statement

OUR MANDATE FOR USING GENAI

GMCTL is dedicated to being leaders in human-driven design, teaching, assessment, and enhancement, with Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) tools serving as aids, instead of GenAI being the source of what we do to help educators.

HOW WE USE GENAI

As our mandate states, the use of GenAI is driven by the expertise and knowledge of our team, the values and goals of USask, and the USask AI principles with their corresponding guidelines. At GMCTL we will continue to explore new tools and techniques in education and advocate for research- supported teaching and learning practices that are innovative and forward-looking. We recognize the environmental impacts of GenAI tools and consider these when determining whether to use such tools.

We ensure that our use of GenAI aligns with our commitment to ethical practices, transparency, and proper attribution. For example, when we use GenAI to brighten the colours or add text to an image that has a CC-BY-NC license, which allows us to use, share, and modify the image, but not to make a profit off of it, we apply that license or a similar one, while indicating the proper attribution for the original image and that it was modified using GenAI. This might read:

- *This image is licensed under a CC-BY-NC-SA license and is an adaptation of an image created by Stephanie Sprout that carried a CC-BY-NC license. Gen AI was used in the modification process.*

SPECIFIC USE CASES

Text

- **Generate ideas:** We use AI tools as collaborative thinking partner in the early stages of planning and concept development. By providing ideas, feedback, and organizational suggestions, AI helps us refine our initial thoughts and enhance our creative processes.
- **Create and contextualize:** GenAI aids in the creation of new content, providing context and examples, and elaborating on our initial drafts. This ensures our writing is comprehensive and contextually relevant, while still aligned with the values and expertise of our team.
- **Refine and enhance:** Generative AI assists in refining language and improving clarity in our written work. This is always underpinned by our team's expertise and the values of USask.

Images

- **AI-Generated Images:** We use AI tools to create clipart type images and to modify other openly licensed images or illustrations to enhance our visual content. These tools help us create high- quality visuals efficiently and creatively.
- **Attribution:** Whenever possible, we attribute the sources and inspirations behind the AI-generated or modified images. This ensures that we acknowledge the contributions of original artists and datasets used in the AI training process.

- **Transparency:** We are committed to being transparent about our use of AI in image creation. We openly communicate when an image has been generated or modified using AI, maintaining honesty and integrity in our work.

Audio, Video, and Learning Object Tools

- **Enhance audio and video content:** We use AI tools to improve the quality of our audio and video. For example, AI can help remove background noise from a recording or make a video look clearer and more professional.
- **Improve accessibility:** We use AI to make our content accessible to everyone. This includes adding captions to videos, developing transcripts, and creating interactive learning activities (including chatbots, simulations, formative assessment items, etc.) that make learning and studying more accessible and engaging. Where possible, we clearly communicate the role of AI in generating these enhancements.
- **Respect individual rights:** We make sure to get permission before using AI-generated music or videos that feature someone's voice or likeness. This shows respect for people's rights and privacy. We acknowledge the sources and permissions involved.

Data and Coding

- **Boost efficiency:** We use AI to help us write and troubleshoot code more quickly and accurately. This includes getting suggestions for code, brainstorming new ideas, and creating first drafts of our projects. We are open about how AI assists us in these processes, ensuring transparency in our workflow.
- **Ensure data privacy:** We are very careful with personal information. We only use data that has been anonymized (meaning it can't be traced back to any individual) and combined with other data. This way, we can use AI to create charts, summaries, and comparisons without risking anyone's privacy. We make it clear when AI is used to handle data, and we explain the steps taken to protect privacy.

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