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## Citation Guide for AI Sources

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### APA Style Guidelines for Citing AI Sources

When using AI tools such as ChatGPT or other chatbots for your academic work, it's important to provide proper citation. Below are the guidelines for citing AI-generated content in APA format:

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#### General Format for AI-Generated Text (No Author)

AI tools like ChatGPT or other chatbots do not have a specific author, so the citation should treat the tool as the author. Here's how to format it:

#### In-text citation:

(OpenAI, 2024)

#### Bibliography format:

OpenAI. (2024). ChatGPT (March 14 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/>

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### Examples of How to Cite AI in Your Work

#### In-Text Citation:

When quoting or paraphrasing information from AI tools, use the following format:

- **Example 1 (Quoting directly from ChatGPT):** The AI model stated that “artificial intelligence can assist in research by providing instant summaries of complex topics” (OpenAI, 2024).
- **Example 2 (Paraphrasing content generated by AI):** According to OpenAI (2024), AI can support research by offering quick and clear summaries of difficult concepts.

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### Bibliography Entry for AI Sources:

Make sure to include a detailed entry in the bibliography that looks like this:

- OpenAI. (2024). ChatGPT (March 14 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/>

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### MLA Style Guidelines for Citing AI Sources

In MLA, AI tools like ChatGPT are treated as the author when no specific author is available.

#### General Format for AI-Generated Text (No Author)

##### In-text citation:

(OpenAI)

##### Bibliography format:

OpenAI. *ChatGPT*, March 14 version, OpenAI, 2024, <https://chat.openai.com/>.

### Examples of How to Cite AI in Your Work

#### In-Text Citation:

- **Quoting directly:**

The AI model claimed that “artificial intelligence can assist in research by providing instant summaries of complex topics” (OpenAI).

- **Paraphrasing:**

According to OpenAI, AI can support research by offering quick and clear summaries of difficult concepts.

**Bibliography Entry:**

- OpenAI. *ChatGPT*, March 14 version, OpenAI, 2024, <https://chat.openai.com/>.
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**Chicago Style Guidelines for Citing AI Sources**

In **Chicago** style, the citation format differs depending on whether you're using **Notes and Bibliography** or **Author-Date**. Below are both versions.

**Chicago Notes and Bibliography Style****Example of prompt included in the body of your text:**

When given a prompt of “What is an accurate representation of the left-right brain divide?” the ChatGPT-generated text indicated that “different brain regions work together to support various cognitive processes” and “the functional specialization of different regions can change in response to experience and environmental factors” (OpenAI, 2024; see Appendix A for the full transcript).

**Footnote format if the prompt has been included in the body of your text:**

1. Text generated by AI Model, Corporation, Date retrieved, URL.

**Footnote format if the prompt has *not* been included in the body of your text:**

1. AI Model, response to "Prompt," Corporation, Date retrieved, URL.

**Example footnote format if the prompt has been included in the body of your text:**

1. Text generated by ChatGPT, OpenAI, March 7, 2024, <https://chat.openai.com/>.

**Example footnote format if the prompt has *not* been included in the body of your text:**

1. ChatGPT, response to “Explain how to make pizza dough from common household ingredients,” OpenAI, March 7, 2024, <https://chat.openai.com/chat>

**Bibliography format:**

OpenAI. *ChatGPT*. March 7, 2024. <https://chat.openai.com/>.

**Chicago Author-Date Style****In-text citation:**

(OpenAI 2024)

**Bibliography format:**

OpenAI. 2024. *ChatGPT*. March 7 version. <https://chat.openai.com/>.

**Examples of How to Cite AI in Your Work****Chicago Notes and Bibliography Style:**

- **Footnote (Quoting directly):**

1. OpenAI, *ChatGPT*, March 7 version, 2024. <https://chat.openai.com/>.

- **Bibliography (Paraphrasing):**

OpenAI. *ChatGPT*. March 7 version, 2024. <https://chat.openai.com/>.

**Chicago Author-Date Style:**

- **In-text citation (Quoting):**

(OpenAI 2024)

- **Bibliography Entry (Paraphrasing):**

OpenAI. 2024. *ChatGPT*. March 7 version. <https://chat.openai.com/>.

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**Including the chatbot prompts or the full transcript of your work in an Appendix:**

- Your instructor may ask to see any material you generated with the help of AI in an Appendix, turned in with the essay or project.

- According to the APA, an Appendix is a separate section at the end of a paper that includes information that is too detailed for the text of the paper itself and would "burden the reader" or be "distracting," or "inappropriate."
  - If your instructor wishes to see the prompts you used while working with a large-language model, simply create a section titled, "Appendix A: [Name of chatbot] Prompts," and list all questions you asked the chatbot.
  - If your instructor wishes to see the transcript of all material created while working with a large-language model, simply create a section titled, "Appendix A: [Name of chatbot] Full Transcript," at the end of your document and copy+paste the entire conversation with the AI tool there. (See p. 2 above for an example of how to refer to your Prompts or Full Transcript in the text).
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### Important Notes

- Always **verify** the information generated by AI tools by cross-referencing reliable sources.
  - AI-generated content should not be treated as a primary source but can be used for **supplemental support**.
  - Ensure transparency when using AI in your academic writing by acknowledging its use both in-text and in your bibliography.
  - Always check that your citation formatting is **up to date** – though there are no official citation rules (see below), information about AI is developing every day!
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### Where does this Guide get its information?

This guide covers the main citation styles: **APA**, **MLA**, and **Chicago**, to ensure students at the **University of Iceland** are properly attributing AI-generated sources.

- The 7th edition of APA Formatting and Style Guide does not currently have specific language on citing AI. The format here is from the APA Style blog entry "[How to cite ChatGPT](#)". Guidance may change with the next edition.
- The 9th edition of the MLA style guide does not currently have specific language on citing AI. The format here is from the MLA Style Center webpage, "[How do I cite generative AI in MLA style?](#)".

- The 17th edition of the Chicago Manual of Style guide does not currently have specific language on citing AI. The format here is from the [Chicago Manual of Style Online Q&A](#). Guidance may change with the next edition.