



CORE AI POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to outline the CORE Grants Program official rules on AI use in grant applications and grant reviews.

Grant Applications

While the NIH does not have a definitive policy on the use of AI in grant application creation, they strongly caution applicants against using AI as these tools can produce inaccurate or fabricated information. The responsibility of ensuring accurate and original application content lies solely with the applicant.

Applicants should be aware that relying on AI-generated content without proper verification can compromise the rigor and credibility of their proposals, which can negatively impact their review.

Grant Reviewers

Per NIH policy (NOT-OD-23-149), the NIH strictly prohibits peer reviewers from using “natural language processors, large language models, or other generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies for analyzing and formulating peer review critiques for grant applications and R&D contract proposals. **Reviewers should be aware that uploading or sharing content or original concepts from an NIH grant application, contract proposal, or critique to online generative AI tools violate the NIH peer review confidentiality and integrity requirements.**”

Peer reviewers should be aware that AI tools often transmit data into third-party servers where it can be stored, reused, or analyzed. This poses serious risks of data leakage and unauthorized disclosure of grant applicant’s research.