



Use of Artificial Intelligence in MNRS Grant Applications

The Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) recognizes that artificial intelligence (AI), including large language models (LLMs) and generative AI technologies, may provide useful tools to support the development and preparation of grant applications. These technologies may improve efficiency, support writing and editing, and assist researchers in organizing and communicating their ideas. However, AI cannot replace the scholarly expertise, critical thinking, originality, professional judgment, or accountability of the applicant.

MNRS distinguishes among three categories of AI use in the preparation of grant applications:

Assistive Use

AI tools may be used to support administrative or editorial tasks that do not generate substantive intellectual content. Examples may include grammar and spelling correction, formatting, readability improvements, or similar editing assistance. Assistive uses do not require disclosure.

Generative Use

Use of generative AI to create, substantially revise, summarize, organize, or develop content for a grant application must be disclosed. This may include AI-generated narrative text, proposed aims or research questions, literature summaries, data interpretation, or other application materials. Applicants remain fully responsible for reviewing and verifying all AI-assisted content for accuracy, originality, appropriate attribution, and compliance with MNRS requirements.

Prohibited Use

AI must not be used in ways that compromise research integrity, confidentiality, intellectual property, or the integrity of the MNRS grant review process. Prohibited uses include fabricating or falsifying information, citations, data, results, qualifications, or other application content; representing AI-generated ideas or information as verified evidence without appropriate review; or entering confidential, proprietary, sensitive, or personally identifiable information into an AI system when appropriate protections are not in place.

The applicant retains full responsibility for the content of the submitted grant application, regardless of whether AI technologies were used in its preparation. Submission of an application represents the applicant's affirmation that the materials are accurate, appropriately attributed, consistent with accepted standards of research integrity, and reflective of the applicant's own scholarly judgment.

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