

IJREE Policy on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)

1. Purpose

The International Journal for Research on Extended Education (IJREE) acknowledges that generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools—such as large language models (LLMs)—can assist researchers in writing, data analysis, and idea generation. However, these tools cannot replace the human creativity, critical judgment, and accountability that underpin scholarly work. This policy ensures transparency, integrity, and fairness in the use of AI by authors, reviewers, and editors.

2. Authorship and Accountability

AI systems (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude) cannot be credited as authors because they cannot take responsibility for a manuscript's accuracy or integrity.

All authors must:

- Maintain full responsibility for all submitted content.
- Verify and approve any text, data, or analysis generated or refined by AI.
- Ensure no fabricated data, citations, or plagiarism arises from AI outputs.

3. Acceptable Use of AI by Authors

IJREE permits responsible use of AI to improve readability or language (grammar, structure, tone) or assist non-generative research tasks (e.g., data summarization or analysis). Authors must disclose AI use when it contributes to the intellectual content or analysis of a manuscript.

When using AI, authors should note an access date (DD/MM/YYYY or similar) and the exact model, e.g. not just ChatGPT but GPT-5 or whichever applies.

4. Generative AI Images and Visuals

Generative AI-created images, illustrations, or videos are not permitted in IJREE publications unless:

- They are part of research explicitly examining AI, or
- The tool used can be verified for ethical, legal, and data-source

transparency.

Approved images must be clearly labeled as AI-generated (e.g., "Figure created using [tool name]").

Non-generative tools used to enhance or combine existing figures are acceptable if disclosed in captions or Methods sections.

5. AI Use in Peer Review

Peer reviewers must not upload manuscripts or reviewer content into generative AI tools, to preserve confidentiality and data protection. If AI-assisted tools are used for limited purposes (e.g., grammar checking or statistical verification), reviewers must state this transparently in their review. Editors may reject or disregard reviews that fail to meet confidentiality or ethical standards.

6. Editorial and Production Use

Editorial staff may use AI tools for routine, non-decisional functions (e.g., copyediting, metadata management, or correspondence). However, AI tools must not influence editorial judgments or peer review outcomes, and any use must comply with data privacy and confidentiality standards.

7. Compliance and Review

Undisclosed or inappropriate AI use—including plagiarism, data fabrication, or breach of confidentiality—will be treated as research or publication misconduct and may result in rejection, retraction, or institutional reporting.

This policy will be reviewed regularly to reflect evolving ethical standards and technological developments.