

# Generative AI Citation Guide for Students

## Citing Generative AI

Referencing generative AI tools in academic work is becoming increasingly important as students use AI for research, writing, and idea generation. If you plan to use generative AI tools for course assignments, academic projects, or any published writing, it is suggested to properly acknowledge and cite the AI-generated content. Always check with your instructor before incorporating AI into your coursework to ensure you are following the appropriate guidelines.

### APA STYLE

#### APA Style (American Psychological Association)<sup>1</sup>

Use the creator of the AI as the author

- **Example 1:** OpenAI. (2023). *ChatGPT* (Mar 14 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/chat>
- **Example 2:** Parenthetical citation: (OpenAI, 2023)
- **Example 3:** Narrative citation: OpenAI (2023)

<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

### MLA Style

#### MLA Style (Modern Language Association)<sup>2</sup>

Do not treat the AI as an author; MLA is reserving that for human authors.

- **Example 1 (Paraphrasing):** Describe the symbolism of the green light in the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald” prompt. *ChatGPT*, 13 Feb. version, OpenAI, 8 Mar. 2023, [chat.openai.com/chat](https://chat.openai.com/chat).
- **Example 2 (Quoting):** In 200 words, describe the symbolism of the green light in *The Great Gatsby*” follow-up prompt to list sources. *ChatGPT*, 13 Feb. version, OpenAI, 9 Mar. 2023, [chat.openai.com/chat](https://chat.openai.com/chat)

<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/>

### Chicago Style

#### Chicago Style (Chicago Manual of Style)<sup>3</sup>

Give credit Generative AI Tool such as ChatGPT.

- **Example 1:** Text generated by ChatGPT, OpenAI, March 7, 2023, <https://chat.openai.com/chat>.
- **Example 2:** ChatGPT, response to “Explain how to make pizza dough from common household ingredients,” OpenAI, March 7, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/qanda/data/faq/topics/Documentation/faq0422.html>

