

Internal Student Declaration for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools

Preamble

Stellenbosch University (SU) is committed to a research environment where Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are used responsibly and ethically to enhance scholarship while maintaining the integrity and credibility of academic work.

This declaration serves as an internal record and discussion tool between students and their supervisor(s) on the appropriate use of AI tools in the preparation of theses or dissertations. Its purpose is to safeguard academic integrity, promote transparency, and ensure informed supervisory oversight.

It is not a punitive mechanism, but a means to support reflective and responsible engagement with AI in research. In line with SU's principles of integrity, accountability, and transparency, any use of generative AI tools in research submissions must be explicitly declared.

- [Position Statement on Ethical use of Artificial Intelligence in Research and Teaching-Learning Assessment](#)
- [Draft interim SU guidelines on allowable AI use and academic integrity in assessment](#)

Student Information

Name and surname	
SU number	
Department	
Programme	
Supervisor(s)	

Student AI Use Declaration

I declare that in the course of conducting research and preparing this thesis/ dissertation/ research assignment (select one by marking with an X):

☐ I did/will not use generative AI tools, except for basic language assistance (e.g., spelling or grammar correction).

☐ I did/will use generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, DALL·E, Copilot, Claude, ResearchRabbit, etc.) for the following purposes (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Idea Generation (e.g., research problem/design, hypothesis)
- ☐ Literature Search (e.g., summarising, identifying sources)
- ☐ Methods and Experiment Design (e.g., setup, model tuning)
- ☐ Data Analysis (e.g., coding, interpretation)
- ☐ Theoretical Development (e.g., conceptual analysis)
- ☐ Code Development (e.g., generating algorithms, scripts)
- ☐ Visualisation and Presentation (e.g., graphics, formatting)
- ☐ Editing (e.g., grammar, readability)
- ☐ Writing Assistance (e.g., structuring, paraphrasing)
- ☐ Citation Formatting (e.g., organising references)

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If other uses were involved, please specify below:

Generative AI Tool Used	Purpose of Use	Extent and Justification

I, _____, acknowledge that the information provided is correct.

Student Signature: Date: _____

I, _____, confirm that the Student-Supervisor Discussion on Declaration of AI Use took place.

Supervisor Signature: Date: _____