

Sample of Task Performed	Acceptable Use?	Acceptable Under What Conditions?
You found an article that may be useful for your literature review. You ask generative AI to summarize key points before you read it yourself.	Yes	Acceptable and does not have to be explicitly cited
You need a 250-word abstract for your research project. You ask generative AI to write your abstract and make it sound like a 12-year-old wrote it.	No	Never acceptable This is misrepresentation of the work.
Writing is difficult for you. You ask generative AI to write the research, abstract, and poster for you based on key words you supply.	No	Never acceptable. This must be the team members' independent and original work.
After writing a research section of your paper yourself, ask generative AI to sharpen it so it's more professional.	Yes	Acceptable with a citation and only if changes are syntax, spelling, and grammar.
Ask generative AI to summarize a book or article you found online. Use that source in your bibliography without ever reading the book or article.	No	Never acceptable. You had no engagement with the book or article itself.
You ask generative AI to brainstorm problems in your community.	Yes	Acceptable to ask for samples of community problems.
You ask generative AI how to solve a problem in your community.	No	Never acceptable. Solutions must be the team's original work.
You ask generative AI how to solve the problems that could be solved.	No	Never acceptable to ask generative AI how the problems could be solved.

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Use generative AI to write your research section and collect data for you. Then ask it to list citations to support that work.	No	Never acceptable.
You are not sure about the format of your bibliography and ask generative AI to fix it.	Yes	Acceptable and does not have to be explicitly cited. Students must verify all citations to be sure they are correct.
During coding, you ask generative AI to fix a bug, suggest improvements, or help you with software development.	Yes	Acceptable but must be disclosed and properly cited.
You need help coming up with an idea for a project. Ask generative AI to suggest ideas, give background information, or list various directions in which to take a project.	Yes	Acceptable but must be disclosed and listed as a citation. Keep a log of the prompts you gave AI as part of the citation.
Ask generative AI to write the experiment procedure for you, write a final research question for you, or write a final hypothesis for you.	No	Never acceptable. Project design is to be your original work and only refined by AI, not produced by AI.
This is your first engineering design project, so you ask generative AI to provide an engineering solution for you, such as criteria/constraints, designs for prototypes, etc.	No	Never acceptable. A use like this is replacing your own work, creativity, critical thinking, and ownership.
After collecting your own data, ask generative AI to create graphs or other data visualization charts to show that data.	Yes	Acceptable when explicitly cited and labeled as to how the graph or chart was produced.