

Use of generative AI tools policy – IET Academic Books

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This document outlines the IET Academic Books policy on the use of generative AI tools in academic books and chapters.

Policy

The IET does not accept books or chapters for publication that are wholly generated by AI tools.

The IET does not recognise AI tools as authors or able to fulfil authorship criteria, as they cannot take responsibility for the submitted work.

Where AI tools are used in the preparation of any part of a book chapter for publication in an IET academic book:

- The author of the chapter has full responsibility for the chapter in its entirety.
- Use of the AI tool must be clearly disclosed in the appropriate section of the chapter by the author. Disclosure should include:
tool + model/version/date, access mode (local/cloud), exact roles (editing, translation, outline, code prototype, image draft), and human verification steps.
- It is the author's responsibility to check that the data used to train the tool was legally and ethically acquired.
- It is the author's responsibility to review the terms and conditions of use for any AI tools they are working with, including ensuring their use of the tool is compatible with their copyright assignment or license-to-publish agreement with the IET.

Protect data and content: Do not upload your manuscript or the work of others to external AI tools or expose confidential material. Do not paste manuscripts or reviews into cloud tools unless your institution provides a compliant, private deployment.

The following guidance is intended to support authors in applying this policy:

- Use AI as a tool, not a surrogate. AI may be used to draft outlines, summarize, polish, suggest alternatives. It is the author's responsibility to ensure it does not introduce unverified claims or references. We recommend keeping a record of prompts and outputs (date, model, version) for later disclosure.
- Keep humans in the loop for facts, stats, and citations. It is the author's responsibility to check for correctness and accuracy. Always cross-check data, derivations, and references.
- Do not use synthetic data, figures or images unless clearly labelled and justified.