



American Quilt Study Group Artificial Intelligence Policy

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The American Quilt Study Group (AQSG) publishes high-quality, original research about quilts and quilt-related topics. To that end, all publications must be the original work of the author(s). This policy outlines ethical and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it pertains to AQSG publications.

Technology offers researchers and writers many useful tools, including Artificial Intelligence. Assistive AI has been available since the 1970s, and by the early 2000s, assistive AI became widely available. Today, many computer users routinely use assistive AI to identify spelling and grammar errors in their work.

In 2022, with the release of ChatGPT by OpenAI, generative AI became widely available to the public. Generative AI produces text, images, and other forms of data, drawing on existing work. The use of generative AI to create or revise a paper or article can be highly problematic. It can violate academic integrity (since the named author of the work did not actually produce it) and may constitute plagiarism if the generated text is very similar to existing text without proper attribution. Generative AI can also hallucinate sources and information.

Author(s) Responsibilities:

AQSG recognizes and accepts that authors use assistive AI's useful tools such as spell checking, grammar, and word suggestion. These tools must be used with caution as they do not always offer the correct spelling or word for a particular context.

The use of generative AI tools to produce content, text, references, or images is not allowed. Content and language must be the original thought and creation of the author(s). All sources cited must have been consulted and used by the author(s). Researchers and authors are ultimately responsible for the content and accuracy of their work. AI tools cannot be credited as authors or replace critical scholarly judgment.

Authors with questions about acceptable AI use should contact the Editor of *Uncoverings* or *Blanket Statements*.

Editorial & Paper Reviewer Responsibilities:

Editors and paper reviewers are also expected to comply with these expectations. Generative AI must not be used to create reviews. No portion of an author's work under review may be uploaded to a generative AI platform. This action puts the author's work into the public domain without permission. It is a violation of the confidential nature of the reviewer's role, and the paper would no longer be eligible for publication by AQSG. Reviewers are expected to write their own original thoughts about the paper under consideration.

If a reviewer suspects generative AI has been used to write a paper, they should inform the *Uncoverings* Paper Review Coordinator.

Reviewers with questions about acceptable AI use should contact the *Uncoverings* Paper Review Coordinator.

Policy Review and Updates:

This policy will be reviewed annually by the AQSG Board and updated as AI capabilities, norms, and ethical standards evolve. We welcome input from members and contributors to ensure this policy remains community-driven and contextually relevant.

Definitions:

Artificial Intelligence (AI): Technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity, and autonomy (from [IBM](#)).

Assistive AI: Assistive AI tools can make suggestions, corrections, and improvements to an author's work. Some examples include spelling, grammar check, and word suggestions embedded into e-mail platforms (Gmail, Outlook, etc.) and word processing programs (Microsoft Office, Google Docs, Pages, etc.) (adapted from [Sage Publishing](#)).

Generative AI: Generative AI tools can produce diverse forms of content, spanning text generation, images, audio, video, and other data. Some examples include ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini, DALL-E, Midjourney, Runway, etc. (adapted from [Taylor & Francis](#)).