

National Science Centre's guidelines on the responsible use of generative AI (GenAI) in the preparation and evaluation of grant proposals

The National Science Centre recognises the rapid spread of the use of GenAI and has been supporting Polish researchers working in this area for years.

NCN recognises that researchers are increasingly turning to GenAI technologies in their day-to-day research activities, and emphasises that the use of GenAI does not relieve them of responsibility for the content they produce, in particular with regard to copyright and research integrity.

The use of GenAI as an auxiliary tool in preparing certain parts of funding proposals submitted to NCN calls (e.g. descriptions, illustrations and diagrams, translations, and proofreading) is permitted, however, applicants must carefully and thoroughly verify any content generated by GenAI and assume full responsibility for it.

At the same time, experts must not use GenAI in the merit-based evaluation of proposals.

The National Science Centre closely monitors the development of GenAI, including legal regulations in this respect, and will continue to update its guidelines accordingly.