

NCI Academic Integrity Policy on Assessments and use of AI Generated Material such as ChatGPT

Terms:

Assignment Brief – this document is provided by the lecturer and provides details and guidelines for students on the assignment task, how to complete and what is expected, how it will be marked and the submission deadline.

Assignment Submission – this document is prepared by the student and uploaded by the student on or prior to the due date in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Assessment Brief.

Draft Assignment Submission – this document is draft working version of the assignment which may be uploaded and revised prior to final submission on or before the due date.

Turnitin – this software used by NCI to manage Assignment Submissions. Turnitin has capabilities to detect text similarity against a range of sources including internet, other student submissions and AI generated text such as ChatGPT. By default, students working on Draft Assignment Submissions may see the similarity indicators in Turnitin. (At this time, ChatGPT similarity does not show on Draft Assignment Submissions and therefore is not available for students to see prior to submission. This is a limitation of the current software version of Turnitin. If this facility becomes available in the future it will be provided to students)

This policy is applicable to assessment tasks such as, but not limited to, essay, report writing and analytical assignments, writing code, literature reviews and dissertations, where these tasks are to be undertaken by the student on their own (i.e., non-proctored) and submitted for marking purposes as part of a module or programme assessment.

1. Unless otherwise clearly indicated in the **Assignment Brief** the full text of the **Assignment Submission** should be the work of the student. Where quotations are included – including any quoted AI text - these should be clearly indicated using the appropriate reference and citation formats.
2. A lecturer/assessor has a legitimate expectation that **Assignment Submissions** are fully the work of the student except where quoted material is clearly indicated. It is a breach of NCI's Academic Integrity Policy to submit material that is not the students work in any part of the **Assignment Submission** other than as clearly indicated quoted material.

3. The use by students of strategies such as, but not limited to, changing individual words, interweaving texts, mixing their own work with other sources, shall constitute an aggravating factor in the breach of NCI's Academic Integrity Policy.
4. Notwithstanding points 1 -3 above, there is nothing in this policy that prohibits ChatGPT or similar AI tools to be used for the purpose of advancing student learning, or as part of an assessment where the **Assignment Brief** provides specific guidelines on its use and what is expected of the student in the Assignment Submission.

This is a draft policy prepared by Professor Leo Casey. It is intended to supplement and clarify existing policy not as a replacement to any existing policy.