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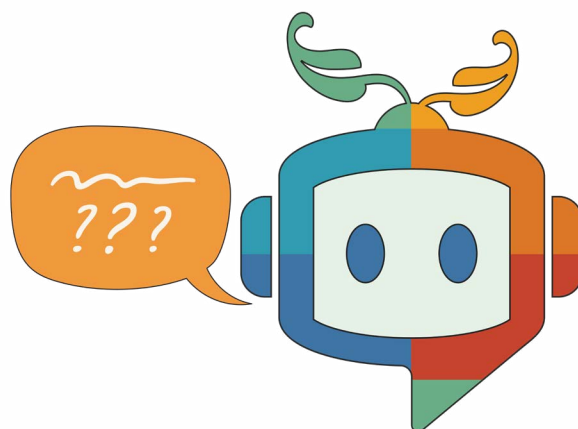
AI Contribution Statement Guide

Just as students credit the work of researchers who substantively influenced their work, they can credit substantive uses of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools in their papers by disclosing to readers how they used AI and citing the AI tool.

One way to do this is to use an AI contribution statement: a paragraph that summarizes all the ways in which you used generative AI tools during any part of a research project (Alea Albada & Woods, 2025). These tasks may include

- brainstorming,
- source discovery and analysis,
- generating tables and figures, and
- editing and proofreading of the paper.

An AI contribution statement is not a formal requirement for APA Style student papers unless set by the instructor or institution. This guide describes what to do if you have been asked to or want to provide one.



Components of an AI Contribution Statement

The AI contribution statement should at minimum include the following information (Alea Albada & Woods, 2025, p. 280):



Date(s) of use of the AI tool



What prompt(s) you used or what you asked the AI tool to do



The section(s) in the research paper containing the AI tool's outcome



The ideas that were generated from the AI tool and how they were incorporated into the research paper

The final statement should summarize how generative AI was used during the project, with the goal of helping readers understand your process and work. If your instructor requires an AI contribution statement but you did not use AI, your AI contribution statement would simply say that you did not use AI.



Pro tip: To track your AI use, try keeping an AI contribution journal. Careful notetaking will increase your metacognitive awareness and critical thinking surrounding AI.

Where to Place an AI Contribution Statement

Put the AI contribution statement where your instructor specifies, or choose from these options:

- Treat the AI contribution statement as a separate section, placed on its own page after the title page and before any abstract page. Use a bold, centered section label of “AI Contribution Statement.”
- Include the AI contribution statement within the Method section. Use a subheading of “AI Contribution Statement” or similar if desired.
- Include the AI contribution statement in an author note at the bottom of the title page.

Example AI Contribution Statement

This example shows an AI contribution statement placed on its own page after the title page:

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AI Contribution Statement

I used ChatGPT (OpenAI, 2026) during the week of September 14, 2026, to assist with writing and editing my paper. I used it for suggestions on how to organize ideas, improve arguments, and refine language for clarity and tone. Prompts included “Help me improve my argument while keeping my own voice,” “Help organize my ideas into paragraphs,” and “Suggest how to improve my flow and transitions.”

The following reference would appear in this paper’s reference list:

OpenAI. (2026). *ChatGPT* [Large language model]. <https://chatgpt.com>

To learn more about AI references, visit the [AI reference examples page](#).

Learn More

To learn more about the development of the AI contribution statement, please check out the [AI contribution statement blog post](#) and the article in which the research supporting it was first published:

Alea Albada, N. A., & Woods, V. E. (2025). Giving credit where credit is due: An artificial intelligence contribution statement for research methods writing assignments. *Teaching of Psychology*, 52(3), 279–284. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00986283241259750>