

ChatGPT Referencing & Citation

This is a quick guide to referencing and citing ChatGPT.

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American Psychological Association. (2023, September 20). How to cite ChatGPT. APA Style. <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

[Caution:]

Students are strongly advised to **record their usage** of ChatGPT because *‘the results of a ChatGPT “chat” are not retrievable by other readers, and although non-retrievable data or quotations in APA Style papers are usually cited as personal communications, with ChatGPT-generated text there is no person communicating. Quoting ChatGPT’s text from a chat session is therefore more like sharing an algorithm’s output; thus, credit the author of the algorithm with a reference list entry and the corresponding in-text citation’* (APA, 2023).

Acknowledgements section

According to the **University College London libguides**, the use of generative AI must be acknowledged in an ‘Acknowledgements’ section of any piece of academic work where it has been used as a functional tool to assist in the process of creating academic work. Minimum information to include in the acknowledgement are:

- Name and version of the generative AI system used; e.g. ChatGPT-3.5
- Publisher (company that made the AI system); e.g. OpenAI
- URL of the AI system.
- Brief description (single sentence) of context in which the tool was used.

For example:

I acknowledge the use of ChatGPT 3.5 (Open AI, <https://chat.openai.com>) to summarise my initial notes and to proofread my final draft.

These acknowledgements should not be included in the word count of a piece of work, unless stipulated otherwise for a particular assignment or by a particular academic programme or department. The acknowledgements should either be placed at the beginning or end of the document.

How to cite ChatGPT in APA (7th edition) style?

Suggested format of referencing	In-Text Citation
OpenAI. (2023). <i>ChatGPT</i> (Mar 14 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/chat	. <i>Paranthetical citation:</i> (OpenAI, 2023) . <i>Narrative citation:</i> OpenAI (2023)