

IFRA-Nigeria's position on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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The rules detailed below are applicable to all of IFRA-Nigeria's competitive opportunities (call for papers, grants, academic exchanges, etc.), all reports returned to IFRA-Nigeria (such as the report from grant recipients) and for any publications on our platform or with our collaboration (Working Papers series, PATRINIGERIA blog, etc.).

This note may be modified whenever IFRA-Nigeria sees fit, applicants must therefore ensure they download the most recent version on our website: <https://ifra-nigeria.org/opportunities/calls-grants>.

Contributors and candidates' obligations

Scientific integrity must be respected under all circumstances, and presenting a work produced by AI (or by another person) as your personal creation is fraudulent and exposes you to risks of unintentional plagiarism, for which you will bear the full responsibility. As a result, any applicants in breach of the conditions described below will be **systematically disqualified** from any competitive opportunity, and IFRA-Nigeria reserves the right to **deny them the chance to collaborate with us in future**.

The uses and misuses of AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used by candidates to IFRA-Nigeria's different opportunities and contributors to our blog or publications. However, its use is **strictly limited** to the conditions set out in this note and must always be **clearly disclosed**. If a certain use of AI isn't explicitly mentioned as allowed below, applicants should consider it prohibited.

AI may be used to revise,¹ translate or summarize text and format bibliographies on the condition that **this use is acknowledged and explained**. However, this does not relieve applicants from taking **full and sole authorship responsibilities** with regard to acknowledgements, plagiarism and the practice of good scientific and professional conduct.

AI must remain a tool to **support** the definition of an original project/paper, and can't in any case replace the work of an applicant. Therefore, generative AI, in particular Large Language Models (LLMs)², can't entirely be at the origin of a project/paper's topic and framing, nor can it generate a substantive part of the text.

Images, audio, videos and other media created through generative AI are prohibited, with the exception of illustrative charts, graphs and tables. In this case, the use of AI should be clearly stated.

¹ This excludes using AI to (re)write all, or significant portions of your text.

² LLMs are systems capable of understanding and generating human language. This includes programs such as ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, etc.

Artificial Intelligence as methodological tool

AI can be part of a project/paper's topic, just as it can be a methodological tool, as long as the applicant clearly **recognizes and justifies its usage** with the rigor expected of a scientific work. This includes addressing ethical and confidentiality concerns when appropriate.

IFRA-Nigeria's obligations

IFRA-Nigeria commits to conduct a fair assessment of the research proposals, applications, grant applications and other competitive opportunities, without the use of any form of AI. This stems both from a commitment to independent assessment, and concerns of confidentiality.