Sent on behalf of Dr. Leeann Waddington, Associate Vice President, Teaching & Learning Commons.

Approved GAI Technology Platforms for Academic Use at KPU

Dear Faculty,

As KPU strives to support innovation and creativity, and as interest in GAI tools grows, it is crucial for users to choose these tools responsibly to minimize risks to KPU and our students. The Teaching and Learning Commons has been coordinating the review of requested GAI tools. We are excited to share the results of this review.

Our risk review acknowledges that all AI tools may produce inaccurate, biased, or offensive outputs, and that they collect data to improve the Large Language models powering them. This data collection may raise concerns about copyright or intellectual property violations. Users are advised to avoid inputting personal information or images into these tools due to the extent of data collection and to discuss these risks with students.

At this time, we have reviewed and approved the following free [tools](#) for academic use for the purposes of teaching and learning, provided such use adheres to our guidelines. These tools were identified by curriculum developers where courses will require the use of AI to achieve learning outcomes and to provide representation of tools for coding, text, images and visual design, writing skill development. Other specific case uses can be brought forward, please note this approval process takes several months and as interest for additional tools is brought forward, we will review them as capacity allows.

- Adobe Firefly
- Chat GPT
- FramerAI
- Google Notebook LM
- GrammerlyAI
- Midjourney
- MiroAI

AI functionality also exists in a number of KPU's currently supported learning technologies, this may not be a comprehensive list as tools add features without our knowledge:

- Microsoft – Copilot
- Padlet
- Adobe
- Camtasia
- Poodll
- Zoom

Required use in a particular course is acceptable provided the Notice of Use document is included in the syllabus, students may be required to secure their own paid version of these tools. The Notice of Use document is available at [Notice of Use - Required GenAI in this course](#) and the syllabus wording recommendations are available in our [guidelines](#), in the syllabus template and in Simple Syllabus.

Where use of GAI tools is "optional" in a course, specific platforms are not selected and clear directions about what is acceptable should be included in the [syllabus.](#) The syllabus wording recommendations are available in our [guidelines](#), in the syllabus template and in Simple Syllabus.

Should you wish to work with a paid version of these tools, KPU is not able to provide expense reimbursement as doing so creates a contractual obligation and responsibility between the University and the terms of use for these tools.

We have provided many updates to the Generative AI Guidelines website, including a reviewed teaching use guidance [statement,](#) a section on [technology](#) and a section on [communicating](#) with students. Please take the time to review this and reach out to the Teaching and Learning Commons, tlcommons@kpu.ca, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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