

For Students: Using AI in Your Oliphant Science Award Project

AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools like ChatGPT, Canva or image generators can be useful – but your project must always be **your own work**.

You can use AI to:

- Check your spelling or grammar
- Help with poster layout or design ideas
- Sort or analyse large sets of data (e.g. in Science Investigations)
- Brainstorm ideas to get you started

You cannot use AI to:

- Write your project for you
- Create images, text or graphs and claim them as your own
- Replace your own research, design or investigation
- Write entries in categories that must be 100% student-authored (e.g. Science Writing)

If you use AI:

- Say which tool you used (e.g. ChatGPT, Canva, Excel AI)
- Say what you used it for (e.g. “checked spelling”, “generated a draft graph”)
- Keep your explanation short – just a sentence or two is fine

Remember:

- The judges want to see your ideas and creativity.
- Using AI is okay – but hiding it is not.
- Your coordinator will confirm your work is mostly your own when your entry is submitted.

AI Use Checklist for OSA Entries

Before you submit your project, check the boxes that apply:

How I used AI (tick any that apply)

- ☐ I used AI to check spelling or grammar
- ☐ I used AI to help with layout or design (e.g. Canva, poster templates)
- ☐ I used AI to sort or analyse data (e.g. graphs, spreadsheets)
- ☐ I used AI to brainstorm ideas or prompts
- ☐ I did **NOT** use AI in this project

I did not use AI to...

- ☐ Write my project for me
- ☐ Create images, text or graphs and claim them as my own
- ☐ Replace my own research, design or investigation
- ☐ Write in a category where AI is not allowed (e.g. Science Writing)

My Acknowledgement

In my written statement or project notes I have included

- ☐ The name of the tool(s) I used (e.g. ChatGPT, Canva, Excel AI)
- ☐ A short explanation of what I used it for (e.g. “checked spelling”)