University statement on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT for assessment.

The development of online artificial intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT, Google Bard and paraphrasing tools such as Quillbot have been a focus for the media over the last few months.

The University recognises that generative AI tools such as ChatGPT provides both opportunities and challenges to teaching, learning and assessment practices.

We are in the process of updating policies and procedures in relation to the use of AI in assessments, since the use of tools such as ChatGPT creating the content of assessments potentially undermines academic integrity.

We wish to remind students that our current <u>Procedures for Investigations of cases of Alleged Academic Misconduct</u> makes it clear that it is the responsibility of students to ensure that the work they submit for assessment is entirely their own.

Assessments that are not a student's own work, including those produced by unauthorised use of AI programmes such as ChatGPT, would constitute an academic misconduct offence under the Procedures. Potentially this means that a student submitting such work could be subject to a significant penalty, such as reductions in marks, loss of the right to reassessment, or withdrawal from the University.

There may be some assessments in a very small number of subjects such as Computing where the use of AI tools is permitted, your module tutor will have communicated this clearly to you in advance.   Unless this is the case you should assume that the use of any AI tools for creating the content of an assessment is not permitted.

It is really important that the work you submit for your assessments is your own work; the purpose is to assess your understanding and your learning.   It is also important to be transparent about the sources and tools you have used as references.   If for any reason you are unsure of using particular sources or tools, please speak to your module tutor or course leader.

We will continue to review our procedures and policies as they relate to AI and as this technology develops.