

ABTA Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence for Grant Applications and Peer Review

- 1. Purpose:** The American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) is committed to maintaining confidentiality of the information contained within grant applications that are submitted to the ABTA for funding. This policy addresses the requirements for Applicants, Grantees, Reviewers, Chairpersons, and Staff in keeping application information confidential and the use of natural language processors, large language models, or other generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies when developing, viewing, or reviewing grant applications. Given that AI technologies are changing rapidly, this policy may evolve over time. Updates will be published on the ABTA website and will include a “Last Updated” date at the top.
- 2. Applicants:** Grant Applicants are not prohibited from using AI technologies in the development of their proposals; however, Applicants are fully responsible for the accuracy of the content of their applications. Applicants are cautioned against using AI tools for developing their grant applications due to the frequency of mistakes, fabricated information, and the use of copyrighted information by the available tools and to prevent the capture and use of confidential information by these tools from the information entered by the Applicant. Applicants should carefully review any content generated by AI technology and edit for accuracy. Any publishable content (i.e. lay summary) MUST be authored by, or developed using information authored by, the Applicant or others working on the project.
- 3. Grantees:** Grantees are not prohibited from using AI technologies for initial analyses and for the development of reports submitted to the ABTA. Grantees are fully responsible for the accuracy of the content of their reports. Grantees are cautioned against using AI tools for analyses and developing reports due to the frequency of mistakes, fabricated information, and the use of copyrighted information by the available tools and to prevent the capture and use of confidential information by these tools from the information entered by the Grantee. Grantees certify that all information in the reports is accurate at the time of submission and any publishable information included within (i.e. lay summary) is authored by, or developed using information authored by, the Grantees or others working on the project.
- 4. Chairpersons and Reviewers:** Because AI tools have no guarantee of where data are being sent, saved, viewed, or used in the future, using AI technologies for review of grant applications violates the ABTA’s Confidentiality Policy. Therefore, Review Committee Chairpersons and Reviewers, including Scientific Reviewers and Patient Advocate Reviewers, are not permitted to use AI technologies for analyzing and formulating peer review critiques for grant applications, including for the purpose of summarizing the application or for interpreting the information in the application.
- 5. Staff:** ABTA Staff are not permitted to use AI technologies with confidential information, including summarizing an application or interpreting the information in an application for any purpose, due to the potential to violate the ABTA’s Confidentiality Policy for Employees.