

## Information on the use of AI in the review of dissertations

The use of AI systems in the preparation of reviews for dissertations follows the “Guideline on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Review Process” issued by the German Research Foundation (DFG, DFG Form 4.04 - 03/26 [<https://www.dfg.de/en/basics-topics/digital-topics/ai/review#389620>]).

Dissertations require special protection due to the presence of unpublished scientific ideas, research data, figures, and methodological details. Accordingly, AI systems may be used in the review process only if the reviewer can absolutely ensure that the submitted content will not be processed, permanently stored, or used in an uncontrolled manner for purposes other than conducting the review (e.g. such as for training the AI).

- » The dissertation and data therein must not accidentally be made accessible before they are published (by the doctoral candidate). Be certain that confidential content is not processed, stored, or used for unintended purposes.
- » Be cautious with cloud-based AI systems (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini), as they may use the input for training purposes after processing.
- » Prefer AI systems installed on your own device that process data locally without relying on cloud computing. This ensures that the data remains secure and within your control.
- » Therefore, use AI systems provided by trusted institutions, such as the **GWDG's ChatAI**, which offers **locally hosted AI models** [<https://chat-ai.academiccloud.de>]. These systems are designed with data security in mind and no information will be transmitted outside of the GWDG.
  - You can log in to chat.ai using the *Academic Cloud* or via SSO and choose between different **internal hosted generative AI models** (Large Language Models, LLMs).
  - All prompts and answers are only handled and saved locally on your device during a session. Once you close the website, all data is deleted.
  - **Important Note:** This applies specifically to *internally* hosted LLMs only (e.g., Mistral, Qwen, and Meta).  
When using *external models* (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, ...), while personal information is not transferred, all requests are passed along unfiltered. Any personal information and data included in the prompts will be transmitted to the external service provider (external LLM models are labelled as such).
    - For more details, refer to the privacy notice for ChatAI [<https://datenschutz.gwdg.de/services/chatai?lang=en>].