

Guidelines on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Doctoral Research, Transparency of Research Data, and a Sample Declaration of Independent Authoring of the Dissertation at the Faculty of Business and Economics

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The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in doctoral research projects is generally permissible, but is subject to the [principles of good scientific practice](#) and must comply with the [DFG's guidelines on the use of generative models for text and image generation](#).

The doctoral candidate is required to disclose whether and which AI-based tools he or she has used, as well as the purpose and extent of such use. Furthermore, it must be ensured that the use of generative models does not result in research misconduct, such as plagiarism.

Transparency and traceability of the research process and the findings for third parties are fundamental principles of scientific integrity. Therefore, all raw data, the underlying analyses (e.g., in Excel or another format), and all other materials related to the dissertation project (e.g., interview questionnaires) must be documented and made permanently accessible electronically.

The scope of AI-supported tools (e.g., for text generation, data analysis, or statistics) must be agreed upon with the doctoral supervisor.

The Declaration of Independent Authoring must be completed and included in every copy of the dissertation.

Declaration of Independent Authoring

I, _____ (*insert Name*), hereby declare
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I have used the following resources, including AI-powered tools for

- text generation or text editing
- statistical analysis
- data analysis or data preparation

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AI-powered tool	purpose and extent

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