FiMT Position Statement on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Introduction
AI tools are becoming increasingly integrated into our daily lives, transforming how tasks are accomplished and information is processed and shared. In the workplace, generative AI tools may offer significant benefits by improving efficiency and accessibility.

As a funder, we:
- acknowledge the advantages that generative AI can bring to applicants, grant holders, and consultants;
- recognise the ethical concerns surrounding the use of these tools.

This statement outlines our position on AI use in applications, reporting, and other engagements with us, and sets clear expectations to guide responsible use.

We follow the National Lottery Community Fund's lead on the responsible use of AI, as outlined in their guidance on using artificial intelligence tools in funding applications. You can find their position statement [here](#).

Our view of AI in applications or awarded projects:
Applicants may use AI in their grant applications or as part of their delivery of any awarded project.

However, we expect applicants, consultants, and grant holders to:
- **Use AI responsibly**: follow legal and ethical standards for AI use, considering how models may reinforce existing biases.
- **Ensure accuracy**: take responsibility for the honesty and accuracy of submitted information generated by AI.
- **Prioritise uniqueness**: ensure that what is distinctive about you and your work is prioritised to provide an individual and creative application, maximising the insight you bring. We encourage applicants to use their authentic voice in their submissions.
- **Ethical use**: consider avoiding the AI use if ethical concerns, including the environmental impact of the use of AI. cannot be mitigated.
- **Protect confidentiality**: do not share personal or confidential data with AI tools, and do not use data or imagery without consent.
- **Acknowledge AI use**: identify AI-generated content in applications or reports.

FiMT's use of AI
FiMT does not use generative AI tools to make decisions on grant applications. Decisions are made through established review processes that prioritise fairness and human judgement.

FiMT staff have access to licensed AI tools which may be used for purposes unrelated to the application process, such as improving internal workflows or processes. These tools are subject to strict governance measures, including the utilisation of enterprise versions with advanced privacy and security features to ensure compliance with data protection laws.

Additionally, FiMT follows the UK Government's regulatory principles for AI, which include safety, transparency, fairness, accountability, and the ability to contest decisions.

Looking Ahead
As AI technology evolves, so too will our understanding of its implications. We are committed to ongoing learning and dialogue about the use of generative AI and invite collaboration with others to share insights and best practices. This position statement is subject to review and refinement as the landscape of AI continues to develop.

By working together responsibly, we can leverage the potential of AI while upholding our shared values and ethical standards.

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