

# GENERATIVE AI IN THE BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



# 22 FASEB Member Societies

## Representing over 110,000 Scientists



# FASEB Engagement



National Institutes  
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# Board of Directors Generative AI Taskforce

## **CHARGE**

Develop recommendations for federal agencies, policy makers, societies, and researchers about the relevance and impact of Generative AI (Gen AI) to biological and biomedical science and scientific societies. Identify opportunities for FASEB and FASEB member societies to use Gen AI to meet our shared missions.



**Public  
document**

1

Develop a report with recommendations on the appropriate and responsible use of Gen AI in routine research activities related to the biomedical/biological research community.

## Gen AI Taskforce Objectives

2

Identify potential FASEB and society applications of Gen AI that can enhance mission, improve staff scope, expand member engagement, and increase efficiency of operations.

**FASEB/member  
societies only  
guidance**

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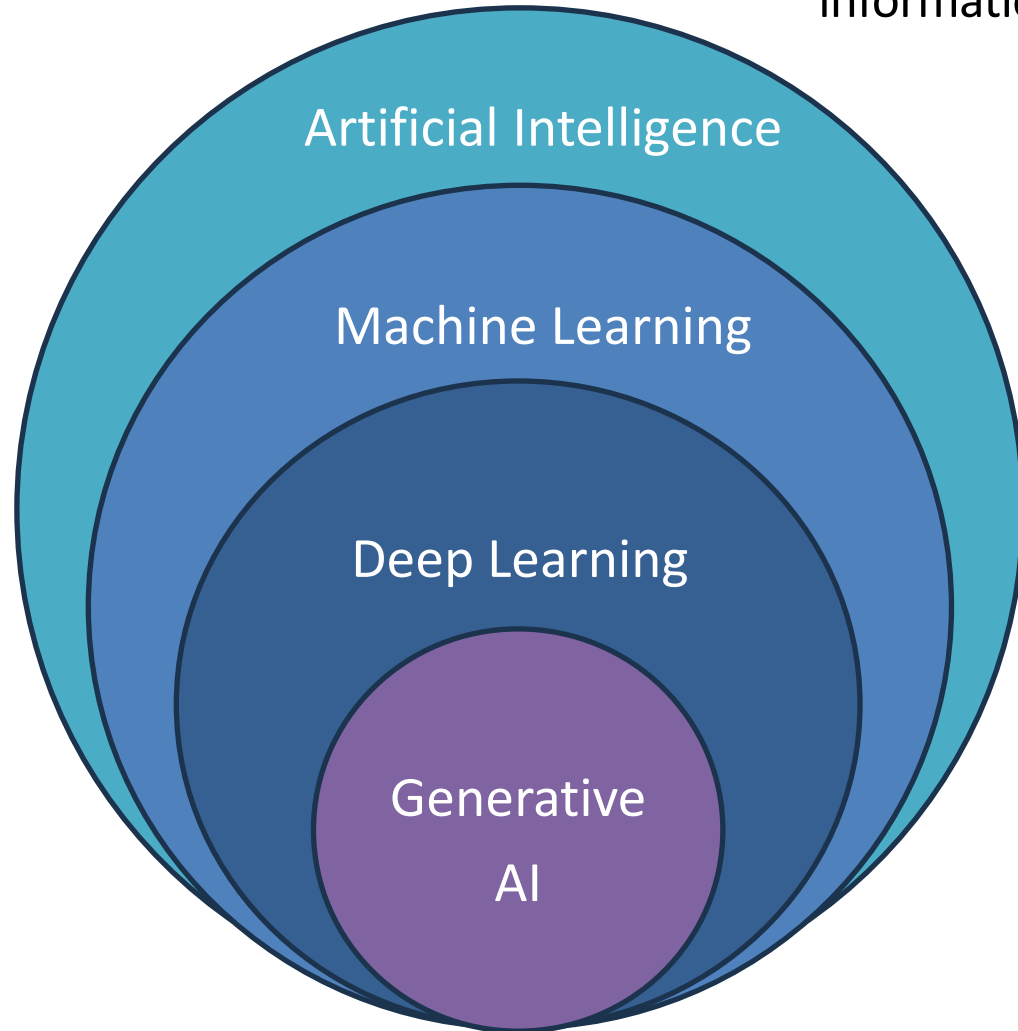
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# Definitions

Gen AI is a subset of artificial intelligence (AI) that ***creates novel content, including text, images, sound, and video.*** As a rule, the software, the algorithms ***learn and evolve*** over time through use, responses, and new information being accessed.



Machines learn and perform tasks (predetermined rules)

Systems learn and predict by themselves

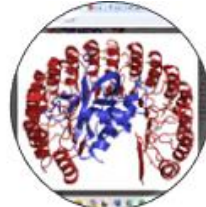
Artificial neural networks uses input and output layers to transform data

Learns patterns from massive amounts of data, generates new original content (autonomously)

# Applications of Gen AI in the Biological and Biomedical Research Space



Accelerating  
drug discovery



Predicting  
protein  
structures,  
sequence  
design



Synthetic  
biology, gene  
circuit design



Medical  
imaging,  
diagnostics



Genomics



Workflow and  
system  
optimization

## Potential Future Applications



Accelerating  
research and  
development



Precision  
medicine



Improved  
agricultural  
processes



Environmental  
conservation



Enhanced  
disease  
surveillance



Digital twins





# AI and Gen AI Issues And Challenges

Bias, fairness,  
and equity

Ethics, human  
agency  
alignment  
with human  
values

Intellectual  
property  
rights

Trust and  
oversight  
concerns  
(human +AI)

Workforce  
impact

Privacy and  
security Risks

False  
information /  
data quality

Misuse and  
malicious  
applications

Lack of  
transparency  
and  
explainability

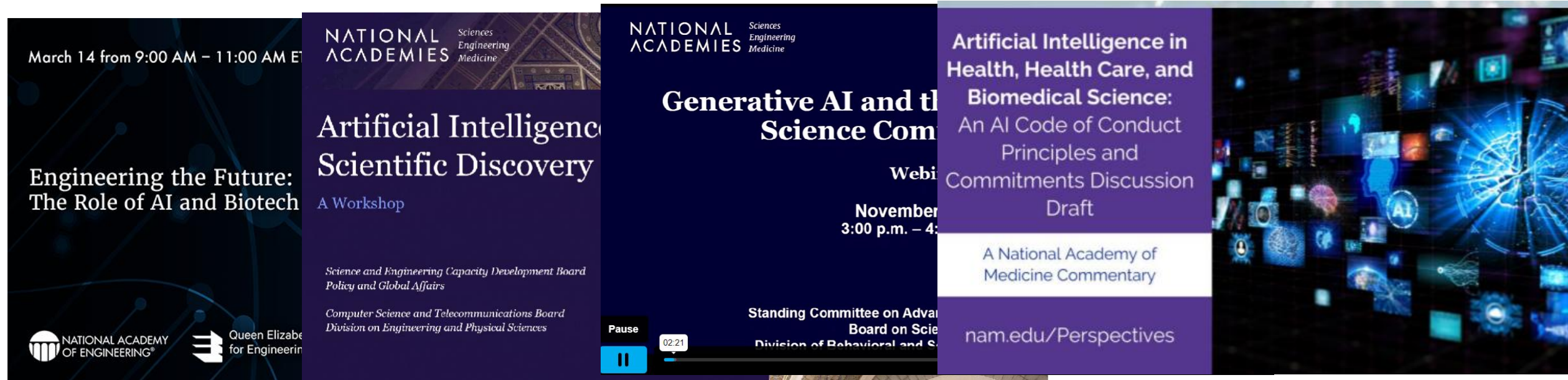


# Why Engaging with Gen AI is Important for Biomedical Researchers and Educators



- **Mission**; potential and real applications that accelerate research, expedite healthcare, uncover hidden insights.
- **New sources of funding** - Federal agencies have significant funding tied to AI and Gen AI initiatives.
- **AI/Gen AI is already in broad use globally –**
- Federal agencies are using AI extensively internally
- Corporations, academic and research institutions, and medical fields are rapidly adopting Gen AI/AI
- Younger generation using multiple times a day, integrated throughout various common tools/apps

# Background Resources



**Generative AI to Become a \$1.3 Trillion Market by 2032, Research Finds** (Bloomberg, June 2023)

**“Of note is the potential for generative AI to benefit life sciences and education,** with BI’s analysis finding that early use cases of ChatGPT suggest that these are two areas that could see rapid growth from their position as a fraction of larger software segments today. The potential for specialized AI-based software assistants may be particularly transformative for search and other means of summarizing information that drive these two market segments.”

**Generative AI Is Set to Shake Up Education** (Morgan Stanley, December 2023)

**The Growing Influence of Industry in AI Research** (MIT, March 2023)



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See also <https://www.eweek.com/artificial-intelligence/generative-ai-startups/>  
and sort by bio/med/data segments for more start ups



1

[AI Risk Management Framework](#)  
applicable to all agencies  
(January 26, 2023)

2

[Trustworthy and Responsible AI Resource Center](#)  
(March 30, 2023)

**NIST**

**National Institute of  
Standards and Technology**  
U.S. Department of Commerce



3

[US Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute | U.S. AI Safety Institute Consortium](#)

4

[NIST AI Roadmap](#)

Also released: companions

**>\$700M annually to AI**



### **National AI Research Institutes (launched 2020)**

- ✓ 25 AI institutes connecting...
- ✓ ...>500 funded/collaborative institutes

### **National AI Research Resource Pilot (NAIRR)**

- ✓ Charge – create roadmap for research infrastructure for researchers, educators, students  
(implementation plan)

### **Directorate-Level Support**

- ✓ Includes funding in the BIO directorate



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### **ODSS Led Initiatives**

Address workforce gap in data governance for AI in biomed; ethics, bias, and transparency; improving the AI-readiness of existing, IC-supported data  
outputs: Admin supplemental grants, AI Ethics Lab

### **Advancing Health Research Through Ethical Multimodal AI**

Grants for system level biomed challenges using collaborative approaches

### **Bridge2AI**

Address workforce gap in data governance for AI in biomed outputs: grants, new datasets, software, standards, tools, resources, training videos

### **Institute and center-funded initiatives**

### **AI/ML Led Consortium to Advance Health Equity and Researcher Diversity (AIM-AHEAD)**

Outputs: new coordinating center announced, at Uni North Texas (admin network, protocols for sharing de-identified, data science training, infrastructure, ECR fellowship program - calls out now)

**USDHHS Inventory Use Cases**



### **Expect to Release Plan for AI Strategy in the Next Few Months**

*"We're still in the early stages, still doing some current state assessments, asking questions, doing surveys, launching interviews, but expect at some point in the next few months that USDA will launch an AI strategy." Fredy Diaz,  
Deputy Chief Data Officer  
USDA | March 19, 2024*

### **USDA FY2024-2026 Data Strategy**

- ✓ Upskill USDA to support advanced analytics and AI
- ✓ Standardize principles & best practices for analytics & AI
- ✓ Promote data & AI ethics, responsible use, and transparency

### **Various Innovation Funds , Grants, Related Activities**

- ✓ ARS AI Innovation Fund
- ✓ AFRI Competitive Grants
- ✓ Hackathon

### **USDA Inventory Use Cases**





## National Artificial Intelligence Institute

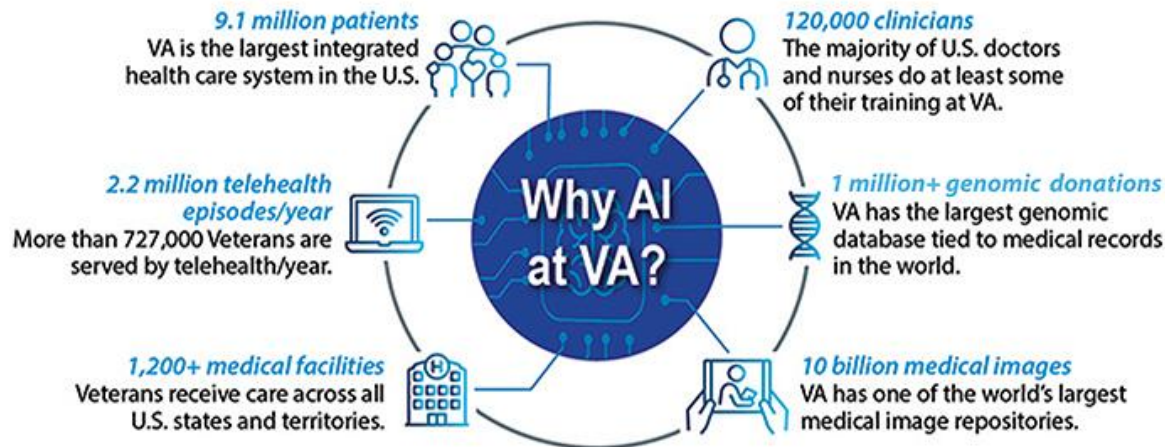
- ✓ Education of medical professionals
- ✓ Improved treatments for Veterans

## Various Innovation Funds , Grants, Related Activities

- ✓ Tech Sprints
- ✓ Summit Series

## Flagship Pilot Projects

- ✓ COVID-19 120-day mortality model
- ✓ AI-to-Go Tool (research stats models)
- ✓ Digital Command Center
  - ✓ Suicidal Ideation Text Screening
  - ✓ Smart Wearable Pilot



## VA AI Use Case Inventory



## AI for Science, Energy, and Security Report 2023



## Office of Critical and Emerging Technology December 2023

- ✓ Workforce  
(w/ NSF, establishing pilot program for training 500 new researchers by 2025)
- ✓ Coordinate across portfolio, support and inform policy making
- ✓ Develop industry-academia partnerships to accelerate US innovation

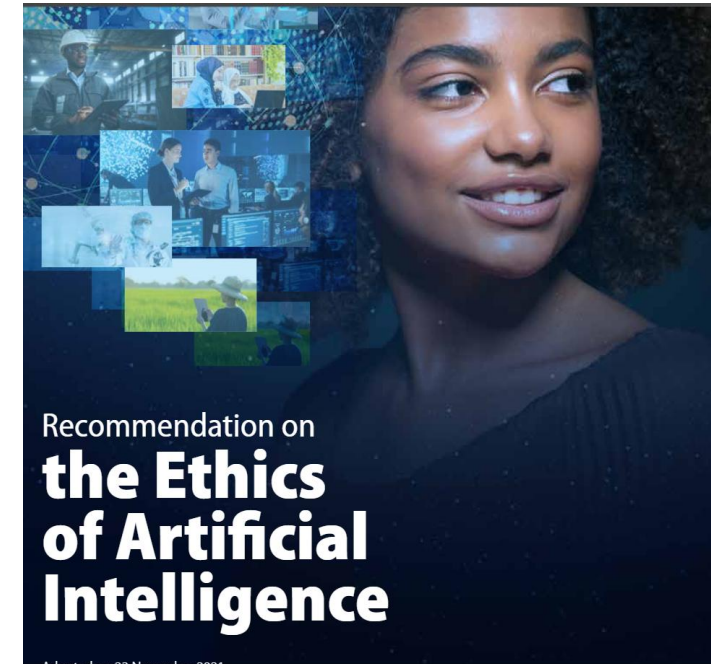
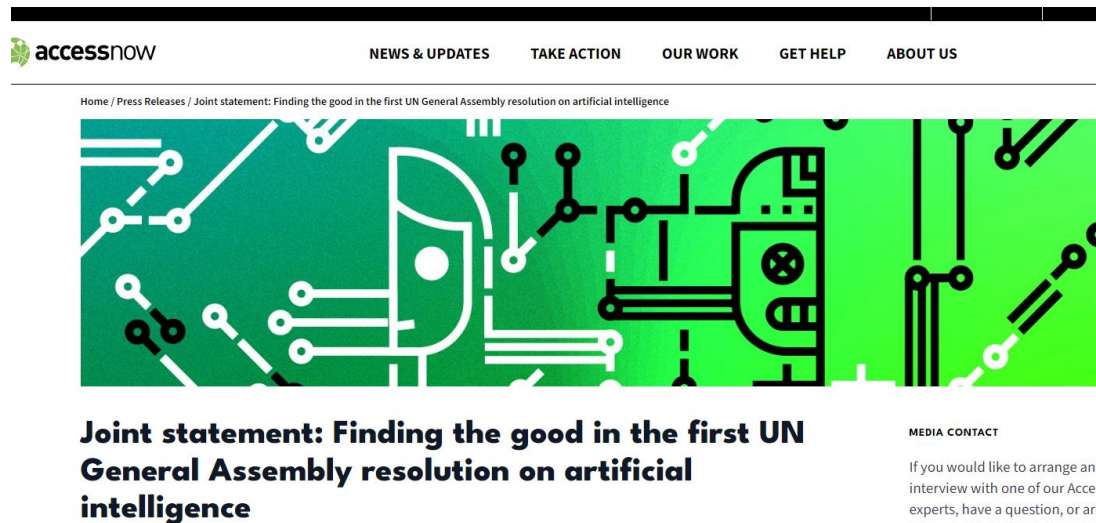
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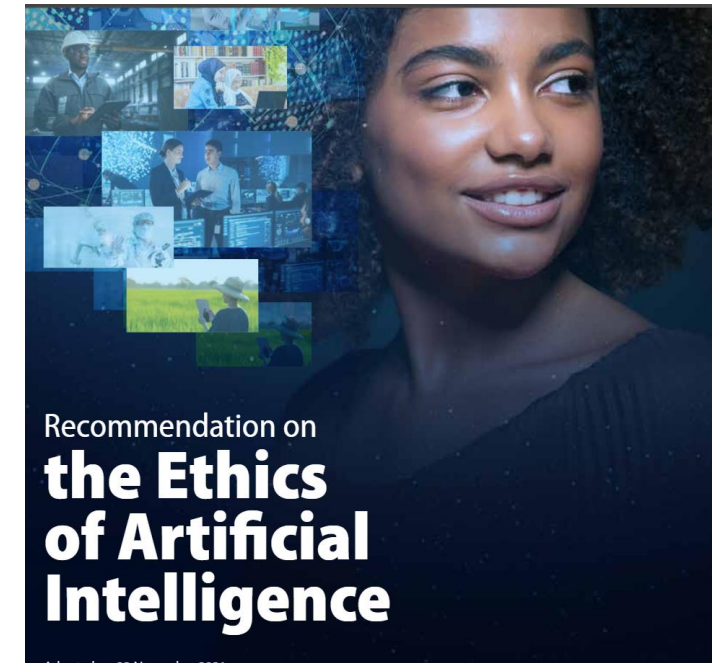
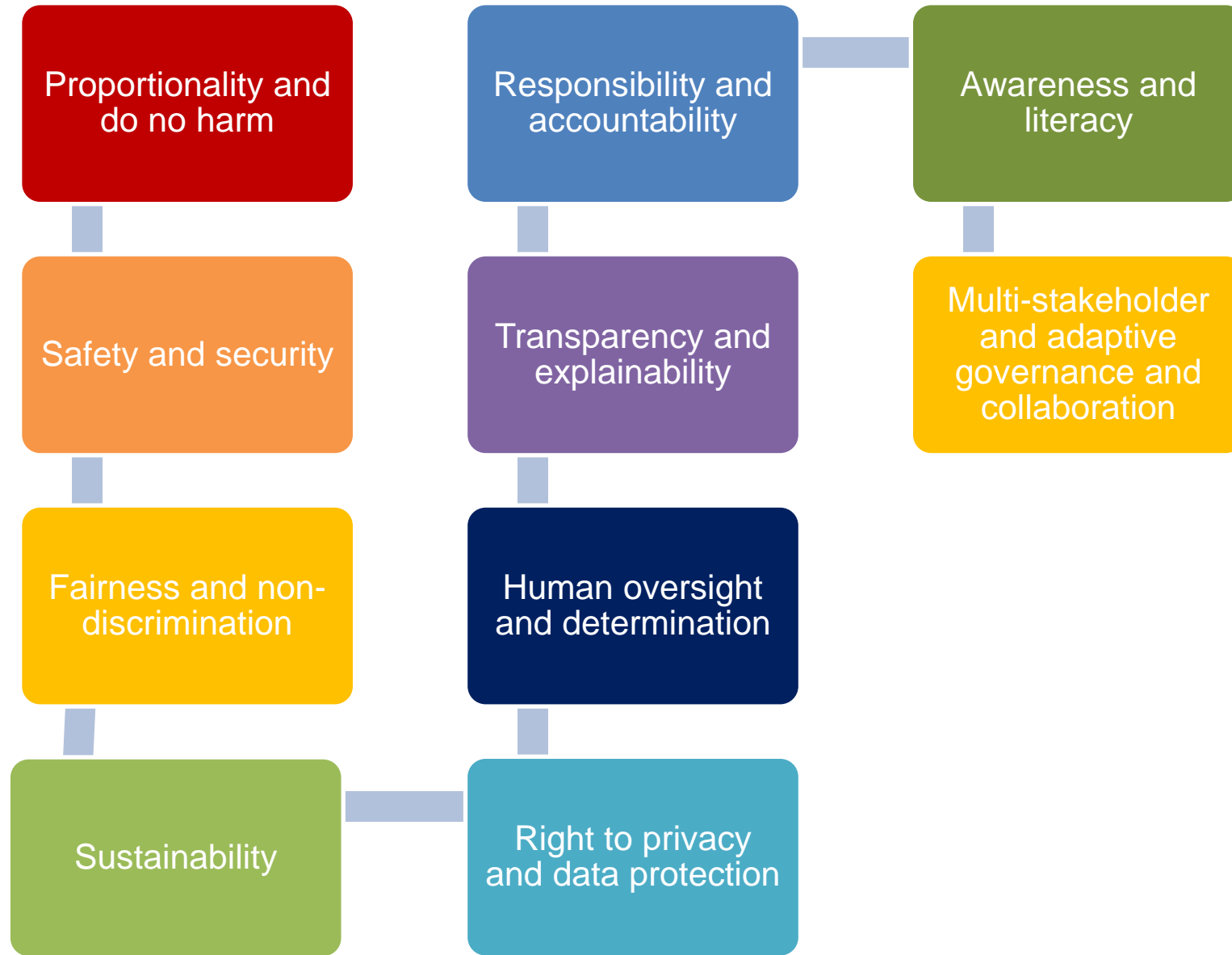
- ✓ Advancements in Artificial Intelligence for Science
- ✓ DARPA's AI Forward

## US DOE's Inventory Use Cases

- [UN 78/265. Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development](#)

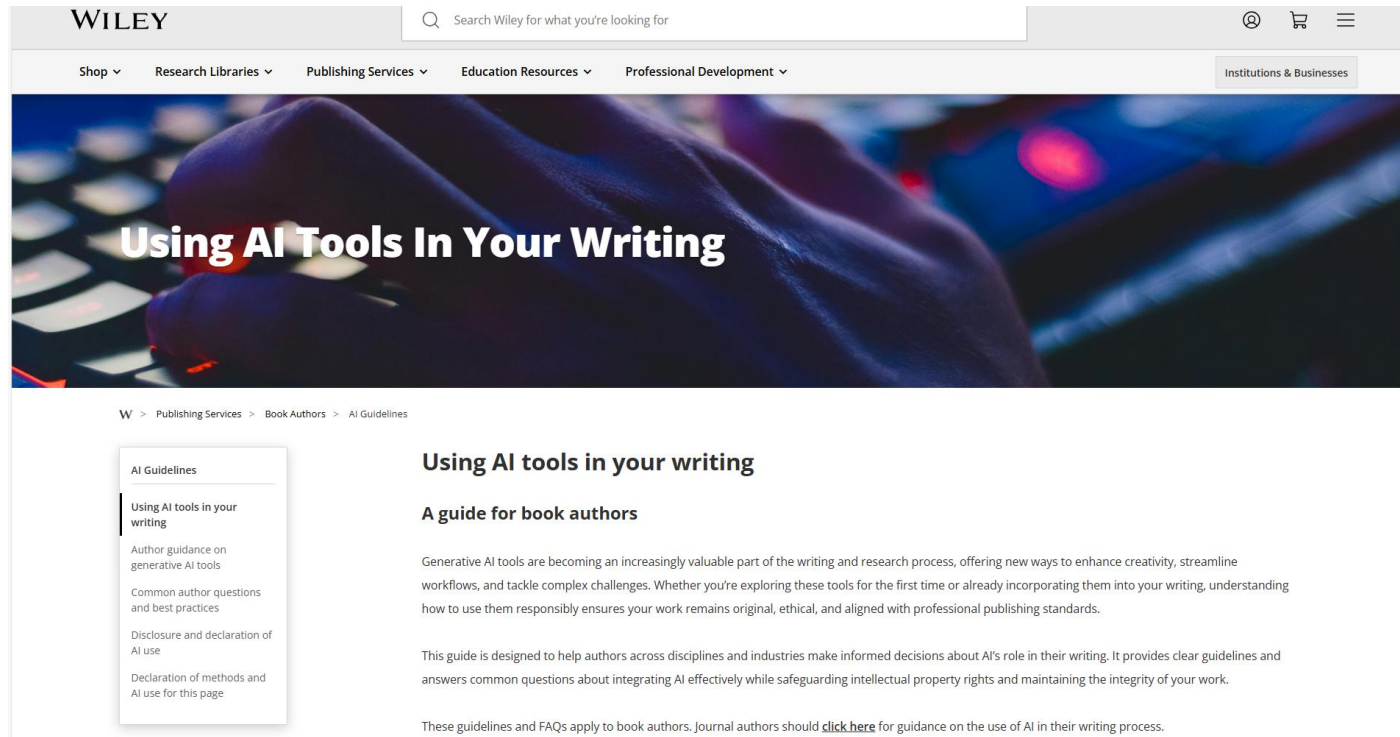
US-led resolution adopted March 21, 2024







# Useful Resources for AI in Writing



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## Using AI Tools In Your Writing

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### Using AI tools in your writing

#### A guide for book authors

Generative AI tools are becoming an increasingly valuable part of the writing and research process, offering new ways to enhance creativity, streamline workflows, and tackle complex challenges. Whether you're exploring these tools for the first time or already incorporating them into your writing, understanding how to use them responsibly ensures your work remains original, ethical, and aligned with professional publishing standards.

This guide is designed to help authors across disciplines and industries make informed decisions about AI's role in their writing. It provides clear guidelines and answers common questions about integrating AI effectively while safeguarding intellectual property rights and maintaining the integrity of your work.

These guidelines and FAQs apply to book authors. Journal authors should [click here](#) for guidance on the use of AI in their writing process.

AI Guidelines

- Using AI tools in your writing
- Author guidance on generative AI tools
- Common author questions and best practices
- Disclosure and declaration of AI use
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# Recommendations for Generative AI in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences

From the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Issued January 2025



## FASEB RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GEN AI IN BIOLOGICAL & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

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### THEME 1 | POLICY AND REGULATION

U.S. AI policy lags behind technology. Biological and biomedical stakeholders must help shape regulations that advance science while ensuring integrity and protection.

2



### THEME 2 | SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

AI challenges scientific integrity and IP rights. Detailed understanding of the issues and careful consideration of use is essential.

3



### THEME 3 | DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY

The U.S. should enhance data privacy in AI, especially in biomedical sciences, with shared responsibility and stronger governance.

4



### THEME 4 | DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND INCLUSION

Gen AI can aid accessibility or worsen inequities. Oversight and collaboration are vital.

5



### THEME 5 | WORKFORCE IMPACT, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION

Gen AI training can support research integrity and propose applications and collaboration of stakeholders in training supports responsible use.



# Top 10 Tips for Getting Started with AI/Gen AI for Biological and Biomedical Researchers

1. Understand relevant policies (institutional, community, journal, funder).
2. Consider what you hope AI can do to help you, start with a pain point of yours in research and id an appropriate tool.
3. Check in with IT before you download the tool and ask for help setting security settings to protect your research.
4. Take 5 minutes to teach the tool about you and your research, tell it what you hope to get out of your interactions.
5. Start experimentation; consider the tool as an intern.
6. Understand the tools that serve you best for various purposes.
7. Learn how to research the underlying data, the software, its limitations and how to counteract limitations.
8. Brush up on ethics, research integrity, respecting intellectual property, data security and privacy.
9. Incorporate AI tools in teaching and mentoring.
10. Focus on improving your research, human health, the mission, and less on saving money/costs.