

Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy

Introduction

Third Space Gallery (TSG) is committed to facilitating the education, understanding and appreciation of contemporary art in Saint John and the surrounding area. Third Space is dedicated to highlighting the work of emerging and established artists who cross disciplines and boundaries in their examinations of contemporary culture. We strive to treat members, staff, and artists in a fair and professional manner while providing an open, inviting, and inclusive space.

This policy is accompanied by a statement that reflects Third Space Gallery's stance on the topic of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), which encompasses, but is not limited to: image, text, audio, video, and software code generation, amongst other things. The act of content generation is what separates generative AI models from other types of AI, which these two documents focus on.

This stand-alone policy aims to reflect Third Space Gallery's approach to navigating AI-related challenges, and specific rules and requirements related to AI.

Stance on the use of Generative AI

Third Space Gallery's mandate reflects the standards of the organization, with the goal of prioritizing the needs and ambitions of artists. Three principles represent Third Space Gallery's sentiments as an organization on the topic of Generative Artificial Intelligence: the labour of art, compensation for artists, and fair legal treatment of artists. These principles guide Third Space Gallery's values and mission to support artists in every way the organization can, we ask that those who choose to use AI-generated media reflect on their decision and ask themselves if it is necessary to their practice, creative process, application writing, and other contributions when engaging with TSG.

Third Space Gallery prides itself on abiding by industry standards when compensating artists, aiming for livable wages and fair compensation for creative labour whenever possible. When Generative AI is used to create content, there are copyrights, intellectual property rights, and royalties unaccounted for and infringed upon due to the unregulated datasets on which these models train and generate media.

Further information regarding Third Space Gallery's stance on Generative AI can be found in the organization's [statement available here.](#)

Usage of Generative AI with Third Space

Due to the unprecedented landscape surrounding this technology, the use of Generative AI in any application submitted to Third Space Gallery, will not be considered at this time. We ask that applicants rework any overlap there might be should AI have been used in any way during the ideation process, description of the artwork, application, or final project. This includes but is not limited to art pieces submitted to Third Shift, membership shows, or other calls for art.

Any art-related applications submitted to TSG are reviewed by the team and community members, whether it be through staff, the board of directors, past participating artists, juries, or committees. It is our creative community who reads these over, considers ideas, and helps find ways to make these projects happen.

No algorithms or generative softwares are used in any step of the organization's reviewing process. It is important that applicants reciprocate the same amount of respect and effort that goes into evaluation processes as they do their own work.

Accessibility and Generative AI

Third Space Gallery recognizes that some may opt for AI methods to improve accessibility. TSG offers accessible application support and transparent processes so that the organizations' programming and resources remain as clear and human[e] as possible.

Application assistance is available during calls for proposals, submissions, artists, employments, and other opportunities. For anyone who faces disability-related barriers to completing an online application and/or Indigenous applicants facing language, geographic, and/or cultural barriers within the online application process, TSG provides alternative ways to submit. In addition to the online format, Third Space Gallery also accepts applications via phone, video, or audio file as needed by the applicant. Applications may be submitted in either official language of the artists' choosing, but may be translated for assessment.

For any questions about this policy, please contact the Executive Director (tiersespace@gmail.com) or Board President (third.space.president@gmail.com).