

**Kent State University Request for Proposal no. 2032 (Purchase of an Academic Integrity Tool)**  
**Vendor Questions and University Answers**

**Vendor 1 of 1**

- 1) On Process Transparency and AI Literacy: The RFP emphasizes "instructional flexibility" and "AI-assisted content detection". Does the University require the ability for faculty to view a time-lapse playback of a student's actual writing sessions (keystroke-level data) to distinguish between "permitted" AI assistance, such as grammar checks, and "prohibited" AI-generated blocks of text?

Keystroke-level data is not a specific requirement, but we would be interested in understanding such a feature and the pricing model.

- 2) On Policy Enforcement and Instructional Autonomy: The Specifications section notes a priority on "instructional flexibility". Does the University seek a solution that allows instructors to set and monitor different AI-usage permissions (e.g., "AI permitted for brainstorming only") for individual assignments within a single course to align with diverse departmental syllabi?

The ability for instructors to set varying permissions is not a specific requirement, but we would be interested in understanding such a feature and the pricing model.

- 3) On Advanced Authorship Verification: Beyond traditional plagiarism database matching, does the University require stylometry-based authorship verification to address emerging integrity threats such as contract cheating and non-AI-generated "ghostwriting"?

The ability for stylometry-based authorship verification is not a specific requirement, but we would be interested in understanding such a feature and the pricing model.

- 4) On Detection Efficacy: The RFP asks about performance on "mixed-authorship text" and "AI-paraphrased" content. Will the University prioritize solutions that can specifically categorize and highlight AI-paraphrased content separately from original AI-generated prose in a verifiable report?

The ability to detect mixed-authorship text is not a specific requirement, but we would be interested in understanding such a feature and the pricing model. We are equally interested in understanding the potential for false positives/negatives, and any biases with that feature.

- 5) On Administrative Efficiency: Does the University require the ability for administrators to generate unique-user enrollment reports mapped directly to Student Information System (SIS) identifiers to reduce manual data de-duplication efforts?

The majority of usage is expected to be through an LMS integration, and not directly with our SIS. Administrative reporting will largely focus on wholesale numbers of submissions and flagged behaviors.

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- 6) On Data Security and NDA Requirements: The RFP requires the submission of a HECVAT Lite and notes that the University may audit SOC 2 or ISO 27001 certifications. As these audit reports contain highly confidential and proprietary information, we will be providing an NDA for University signature to facilitate the secure disbursement of the SOC2. Please confirm the appropriate contact for the delivery and execution of this NDA.

Please send your NDA to Larry McWilliams, Director of Procurement, via email to [lmckilli@kent.edu](mailto:lmckilli@kent.edu).

- 7) On Pricing Structure and Modular Options: The Specifications ask if specific features are "included in base licensing or an add-on". Given the requirement for "Firm Pricing", will the University allow vendors to provide a tiered financial proposal that includes a base integrity solution with optional, separately priced modules for advanced AI Literacy and Authorship features?

You are welcome to provide any pricing model you deem appropriate as long as all costs are included in the overall prices proposed, and that there will be no additional expenses billed to the University for any reason per the RFP instructions.

- 8) On Section 3.14 Dun and Bradstreet Data: Since we do not, in the normal course of business, purchase full D&B reports for our companies, will the University accept alternative documentation to verify our financial and payment statistics?

Yes.