

In recent weeks, the anarchic character of generative AI-models has become clearer. Even the CEOs of many of the most prominent companies involved are now calling upon the US government to intervene in their own research to help pace and regulate it. On a daily basis we become more and more aware of the astonishing threats that this technology poses to the environment, the job market, the stability of economic markets, the safety of the internet (and the people who use it), and the very existence of academia as we know it. Even if we bracket the grander fears, held by some, of AI-induced nuclear or biological war, the risks posed by this technology are palpable.

In light of all of this, we, the below signatories, request that Trinity College immediately and thoroughly divest from AI companies and the software companies that support them. The technology is too fresh, too unregulated, too dangerous, and too unpredictable to safely integrate into the college's operations. Currently, the support of such technology is incommensurate with Trinity's stated commitments to fostering intellectual and ethical growth, to protecting the environment, and to building and protecting a safe future for the next generation.

We implore the administration to take a firm, immediate, and public stance against such technologies until that time (if it ever comes) that they have been demonstrated to be safe for academic use, to have a significantly lesser environmental impact than they currently have, and to no longer behave unpredictably and unethically. We also request that any future AI-related policies developed by the college be subject to faculty debate and vote.