

AI Tool Selection Guide

This guide highlights key differences among OpenAI's ChatGPT plans and Vanderbilt Amplify to help you determine what best supports your teaching and research. For more details, please visit [GenAI at Vanderbilt](#).

Function	ChatGPT EDU	ChatGPT Free	Amplify
 Model Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Access to the latest OpenAI models	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited usage of GPT-5 and GPT-4o Models	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Newest OpenAI, Claude, and Amazon models
 Coding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Code generationDebugging		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Code generationDebugging
 File Upload	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support upload, export, and analysis of multiple file types (e.g., PDF, Excel, images)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support upload and simple analysis of limited file types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support upload, export, and analysis of text-based files (e.g., PPT, Word, etc.)
 Web Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In-depth searchMulti-source info summaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quick searchLimited depth info summaries	
 Custom Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a Custom GPTsShare within the same organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Can't create custom GPT✓ Access existing GPTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create customized Amplify AssistantsShare within Vanderbilt
 App Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can connect to apps like Coursera, Canva, etc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can connect to OneDrive, Outlook, and Microsoft Calendar (VU Admin approval required)
 Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">University admin controls access and permissionData NOT shared with OpenAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">User controls access to their chatsData may be shared with OpenAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Access limited to VU communityData NOT shared with AI companies
 Security Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Level 3 Restricted Data Classification, except for Protected Health Information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Data may be used to train OpenAI models unless user opts out	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Level 3 Restricted Data Classification, except for Protected Health Information.