



Question courageously.
Examine evidence carefully.
Conclude cautiously.
Engage respectfully.
Seek solutions collaboratively.

We Walk What We Talk.

The [Retired Professors + ChatGPT Global Pilot](#) is an international initiative launched in September 2026 by the [Professors Emeriti Network](#) and posted on [eRegion portal](#) to accelerate digital collaboration and knowledge sharing among retired professors' associations worldwide. Operating under the core philosophy “*We Walk What We Talk*,” the pilot aims to demonstrate how senior academics can leverage artificial intelligence to remain active contributors to international research, higher education, and society.

Core Objectives of the Pilot

Rather than turning participants into technical AI experts, the global pilot focuses on practical, real-world academic and administrative applications. Participating professors use ChatGPT and other generative tools to:

- *Cross-Border Collaboration:* Overcome language barriers to communicate and co-author materials across different countries.
- *Knowledge Preservation:* Share institutional expertise, professional practices, and mentorship strategies.
- *Joint Academic Output:* Collectively research pressing issues—such as the rights of retired faculty—and draft articles, reports, webinars, and presentations.
- *University Integration:* Strengthen ongoing relationships between retired faculty networks and universities, demonstrating that academic value does not terminate at retirement.

Structure and Implementation

The framework is organized as a lean, experiential trial involving a selected group of associations.

- *Nomination Model:* Each participating association nominates a few interested professors to integrate AI tools directly into their active workflows.
- *Prompt and Challenge Sharing:* Participants use shared repositories and meetings to log successful prompts, discuss ethical hurdles, and exchange output results.
- *Tool Ecosystem:* Guidelines compiled by the network highlight a diversified toolkit, pairing ChatGPT for drafting and ideation alongside other specialized tools for long documents and cited research validation.

Broader Context: The Fight for Academic Access

The launch of the [Retired Professors + ChatGPT Global Pilot](#) coincides with a broader advocacy campaign by the [Retired Professors Associations Network \(RPAN\)](#). A major focus of the group in 2026 is fighting against the *termination of university email accounts and digital infrastructure* for retired faculty. The pilot serves as a direct argument to university administrations that active, retired professors require ongoing access to institutional networks to collaborate internationally and participate in the digital evolution of academia.

Invitation

A participating association of retired professors—a *partner*—would invite several interested professors to experiment with ChatGPT in their real academic, professional, and collaborative work. Participants would share their experiences, useful prompts, challenges, results, and lessons learned. Participation by active professors is also encouraged. A partner may also be an informal group of retired professors interested in the initiative, provided that the group has a website or another suitable online presence that enables eCollaboration.

Each partner would publish and regularly update basic information about its participating group on its website, including the names, titles, professional fields, and appropriate contact information of participants. A designated contact person should be identified. Links to participating partners and their contact persons will be posted on the [Retired Professors + ChatGPT Global Pilot](#). There are no costs involved.

Contact

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