CITATION GUIDE

Regeneron STS entrants are required to properly cite ALL graphics that appear within their Research Reports. This includes all graphics created by the finalist or their lab and all graphics borrowed from any other source. Crediting sources is very important in science—building on past ideas is very common, as is sharing the source of your inspiration or understanding. Please be aware that improper citation of graphics is grounds for disqualification.

Regeneron STS Expectations:
- ALL Graphics that appear within the Research Report must be cited, in full, under or next to each individual graphic. Reference lists are not permitted for graphics.
- "Graphics" includes any figure, table, graph, chart, photography, logo, etc. that is referenced within the paper.
- All graphics created by the finalist need to be cited.
- All graphics borrowed by the finalist need to be cited.
- Published papers being submitted to Regeneron STS should also follow these guidelines.
- APA style citations are preferred. For more information: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

How To Cite Graphics Created by the Student Researcher:
- Be sure to include mention that you, the student researcher, created the image.
- If you used third-party software (including but not limited to BioRender, Canva, Microsoft Powerpoint, R, etc.) to create your image, you need to mention the name of the program.
- Always mention the year the graphic was created.
- If you have published this graphic (which means it has a source), you should cite this image as "Graphic created by the student researcher," followed by the citation for your publication where the image appears. This is called self-citing.
- EXAMPLE:
  - Graph created by the student researcher using BioRender, 2024.

How To Cite Graphics Created by Someone Else:
- Every graphic that you did NOT create must be properly cited.
- If the graphic was obtained via the Internet, then a URL must be provided (digital object identifiers are acceptable in place of long URLs). This applies even if the license under which the graphic was obtained does not require credit or citation.
- If you are using a graphic that someone in your lab created, give them proper credit.
- To cite an unpublished graphic that someone else created, include the creator's name, title of the graphic, the year it was created and the source of the graphic/institution of the creator.