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# Aligning Artificial Intelligence with University Strategy

# How Much Are You Personally Using AI?



Never  
Tried It

Tried It  
Once or  
Twice

Use It  
Regularly

Daily  
Power  
User



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# Five Transformative Opportunities for AI in Higher Education

# We Already Use AI Every Day



## AI Well-Established Across Many Industries

### 1. Healthcare:

- Medical diagnosis and treatment
- Drug discovery and development
- Surgical robots and assistive technologies
- Mental health support

### 2. Transportation and Automation:

- Self-driving cars and vehicles.
- Traffic management and optimization
- Delivery drones and robots
- Automated manufacturing and industrial processes

### 3. Business and Finance:

- Fraud detection and risk management
- Personalized marketing and customer service
- Investment analysis and trading
- Business process automation

### 4. Environmental Sustainability:

- Renewable energy prediction and optimization
- Climate change modeling and mitigation:
- Environmental monitoring and conservation
- Precision agriculture

### 5. Entertainment and Creativity:

- Personalized content recommendations
- Virtual assistants and chatbots
- Gaming and virtual reality

# What Changed in November 2022?



## ChatGPT Put AI in the Hands of Every Individual with a Mobile Phone

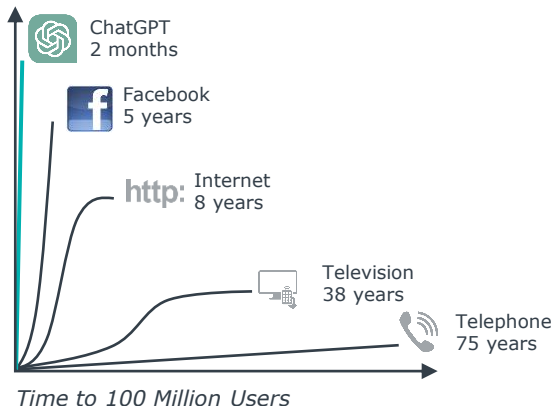
### What is Generative AI?

Latest development in AI that refers to deep-learning models that can **generate high-quality text, images, and other content** based on the data they were trained on.<sup>1</sup>



### ChatGPT's Meteoric Adoption Rate Sets Historical Precedent

*Time to 100M Users By Technology*



### Generative AI Reaches Inflection Point Due to Unique Developments

#### ▶ Accessible and User-Friendly

Web-based access allows anyone to use AI via everyday devices like PCs and phones. Users can use simple text prompts to deliver commands and process outputs.

#### ▶ Trained on Vast Knowledge Base

Models are trained on large sets of data (e.g., books, web texts, and articles from billions of Internet webpages)

#### ▶ Generates New, Human-like Content

Tools can generate new, creative content across domains (e.g., text, images, software) that is often indistinguishable from human outputs



Source: D Gerwitz, "How does ChatGPT actually work", ZDNET, July 13, 2023; K Hu, "ChatGPT sets record for fastest-growing user base – analyst note", Reuters, February 2, 2023; EAB interviews and analysis.

1) IBM Research definition.

# HE Caught Unprepared

## Initial Focus on Threats and Opportunities in Teaching and Learning

- 1 Release Institutional Statement Embracing AI**  
**24 Russell Group** University vice-chancellors released a five guiding principles statement encouraging the ethical use of generative AI in classrooms and offices
- 2 Offer Hands-On AI Literacy Training for Staff**  
**Auburn University** developed a Teaching with AI online Canvas course, which ~700 lecturers have already completed
- 3 Host AI Teaching and Learning Workshops For Lecturers**  
The **University of Manchester** launched a three-part series on AI and University Futures, focusing on critical AI literacy, assessment reform, and training for academics
- 4 Provide Funding or Classroom Experimentation**  
**Stanford University** offers lecturers seed grants up to \$100,000 to explore how AI can be applied in teaching and learning



Auburn's free, self-paced, and interactive [Teaching with AI course](#) consists of eight modules, which take 10 to 25 hours to complete.

### *Key Course Elements*

- Provides a structured approach to experimenting with AI tools and rethinking classroom experiences
- Suitable for beginners and experts
- Offers academics a forum to discuss topics related to AI in the classroom
- Dynamically updated based on developing best practices

# AI and the Future of Higher Education: Five Transformative Opportunities



• Incorporate AI into the Curriculum to Match  
• Societal and Workplace Changes



• Provide 24/7, Personalised Student Support  
• With One-Stop Conversational AI



• Supercharge Academics and Staff  
• Productivity to Pursue More Strategic Tasks



• Maximise Enrolment and Advancement Yield  
• With Hyper Personalised Content Generation



• Transcend Historical Bounds of Innovation  
• in Research by Using AI to Expand  
• Human Capabilities



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Incorporate AI into the Curriculum  
to Match Societal, Workplace Changes

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# AI Reconstructs Nature of Work Across Industries



## AI Disruptions Across Industries

### Before Generative AI



#### TV & Movie Writing:

Studios rely on writers for source material and actors for performances



### After Generative AI

#### Writers & Actors on Strike

"Generative AI writes scripts and creates backdrops, replacing writers and background actors"



#### Legal Services:

Only basic document review can be automated or outsourced



#### Rise of Robot Lawyers

"Research finds nearly half of legal work could be automated"



#### Graphic Design:

Designers create projects based on preset visuals, fonts, and layouts



#### Designs on Steroids

"Microsoft Designer tool generates complex designs in an instant based on text descriptions"



#### Software Engineering:

Engineers write code to implement software functionality using various programming languages



#### 2X Faster with AI

"McKinsey study show software developers complete coding tasks up to twice as fast with generative AI"

Sources: A Dalton, "Writers strike: Why A.I. is such a hot-button issue in Hollywood's labor battle with SAG-AFTRA", *Fortune*, July 24, 2023; M Diaz, "Microsoft Designer brings AI-powered graphic design to the masses", *ZDNet*, April 27, 2023; S Lohr, "AI Is Coming for Lawyers, Again", *McKinsey & Company*, "Unleashing developer productivity with generative AI", *McKinsey Digital*, June 27, 2023; EAB interviews and analysis.

# Future of Work Demands AI Fluency For All Students

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## Demand For AI and Machine Learning Roles Surge...



Increase in demand for AI/machine learning engineers since 2020



Projected growth of AI/machine learning jobs from 2023-2027

## ...But Need For AI Skills Extend Beyond Tech Roles

2023 Job Descriptions on Indeed.com

### Graphic Designer

Qualifications & Skills



- ▶ Familiarity with AI and ChatGPT technology, utilising it to enhance multimedia projects

### Protein Sciences Research Scientist

Qualifications & Skills

- ▶ Experience utilising artificial intelligence protein design, SAR, or related biological applications

### Content Writer, Editor, and Researcher

Qualifications & Skills

- ▶ Proficiency in prompting and navigating AI tools such as ChatGPT

# Early Efforts to Create AI Learning Opportunities

## Three University Pilots to Expose Students to AI



### How Do I? AI Guide

- The University of Adelaide library offers a **detailed AI guide**, including resources on **AI tools for study, referencing, and academic integrity**
- The website also provides links to free online resources and skills development for generative AI, such as **intro to ChatGPT**



### Student Training Offerings

- Vanderbilt University offers **extensive AI training**, including workshops on generative AI and **online course on prompt engineering** to enhance AI response quality

**90,000**

students took **three-week course** over summer of 2023



香港大學

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

### Subsidising Extensive Access

- University of Hong Kong purchased every student half a million tokens for GPT-3.5 and DALL-E 2. Total cost of \$1-2 per student per month
- University also pays half of access fee (\$250K total) for Coursera Campus partnership for 5,000 students, including 100+ of AI modules
- Welcome emails include expectations for AI use in courses, description of university resources to support AI training

# Florida Infuses AI Education Into All Disciplines

## Key Elements of the University of Florida's [AI Initiative](#)



### Top-Down Approach to AI

UF President and Provost strongly encouraged and incentivised incorporation of AI across all 16 colleges



### AI-Specific Academics Hired

UF hired 100 new academics with AI backgrounds or experience across disciplines, with each college receiving at least one new hire



### AI Courses Across All Disciplines

230 AI courses offered at undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels, and range from introductory to subject-specific



### AI Pathways Career Coach


Career centre staff educate students on the use of AI in the job recruitment process

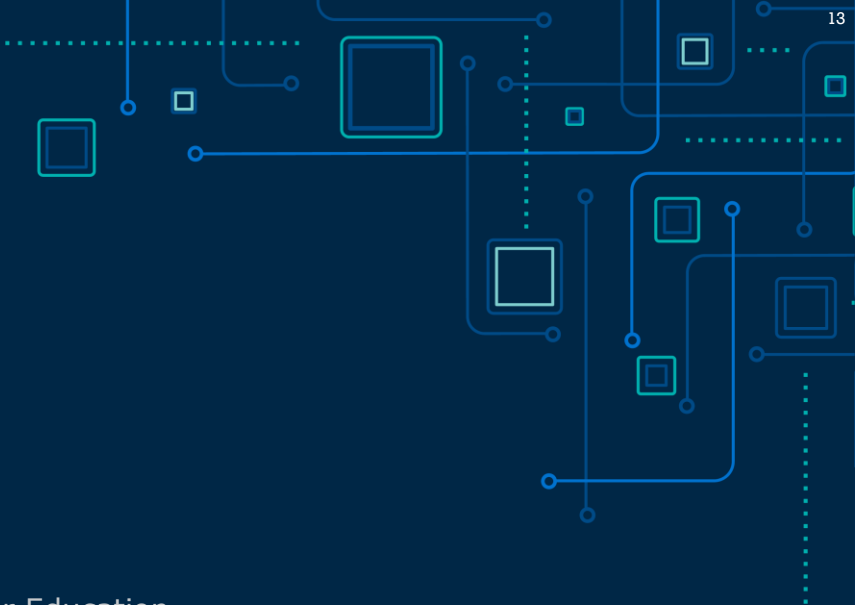
## UF | Artificial Intelligence UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

### Course Offerings

- AI in Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Business Applications of Artificial Intelligence
- AI in Healthcare and Public Health

### Research Applications

-  AI System Detects Bruised Strawberries Before Market
-  Building Equitable Workplaces with AI Technologies
-  AI Platform Predicts Surgical Complications



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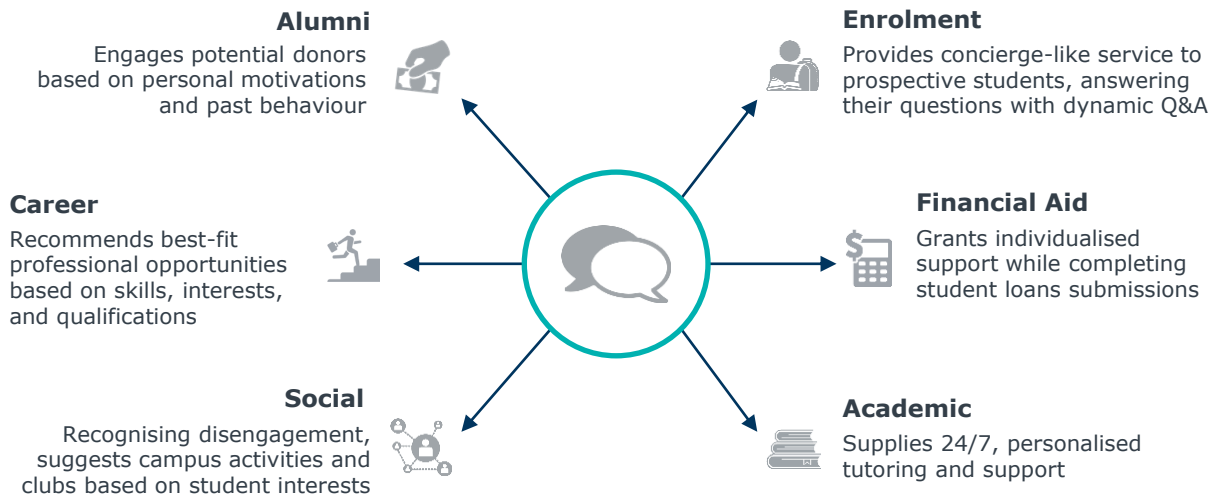


Provide 24/7, Personalised Student Support with One-Step Conversational AI

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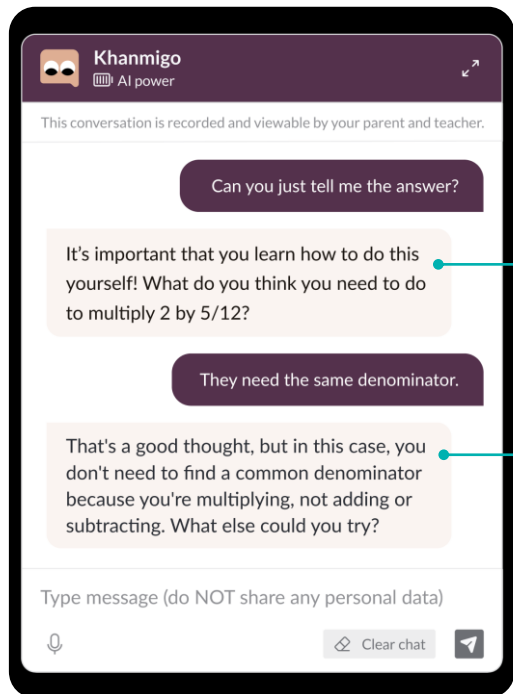
# No Longer a Pipe Dream—24/7, Personalised Service

## How One-Stop Conversational AI Preempts Common Service Pitfalls



# The Tutor That Never Sleeps

## Khan Academy Launches Conversational AI Tutor Personalised to Students



### Case in Brief: Khanmigo, AI Tutor

- ▶ Khanmigo supports real-time, one-on-one tutoring personalised to students.
- ▶ The conversational AI operates on GPT-4 and is trained on Khan Academy's learning content.

### How Students Can Use Khanmigo



Coach writing



Serve as a debate partner



Assist with coding



Converse with historical figures

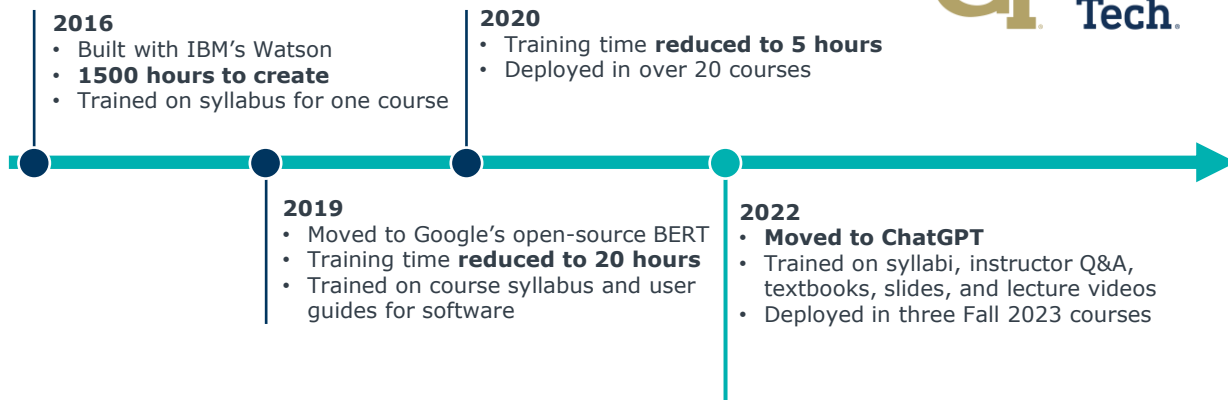
Additional guardrails prevent Khanmigo from outright giving students answers when they are struggling and ensure Khanmigo always keeps an encouraging tone

# Georgia Tech Builds AI Teaching Assistant



**Jill Watson** is an AI-powered virtual teaching assistant (TA) tailored to individual courses, that saves instructor time by answering student questions the way a human instructor would.

## Developmental Timeline of Jill Watson

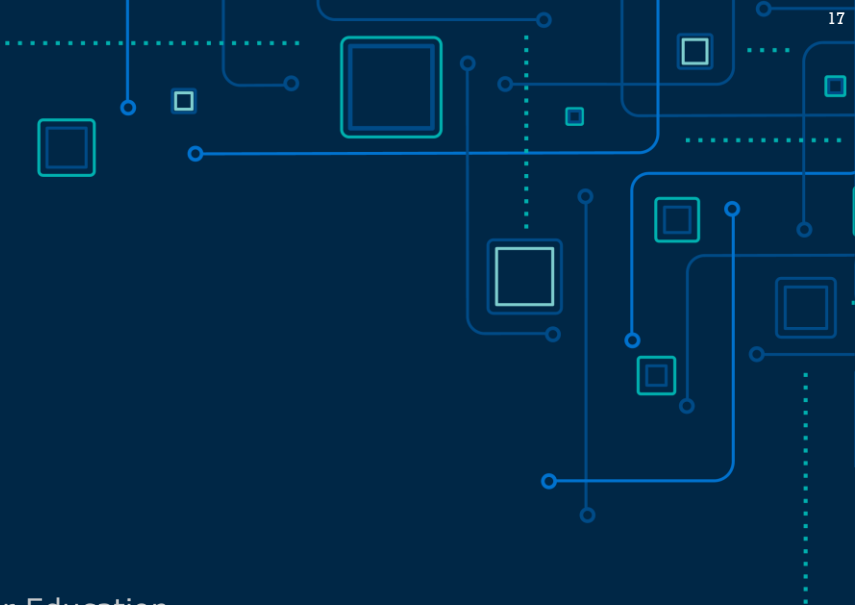


### ChatGPT Pushes Jill Watson Beyond Basic Student Inquiries

- The AI teaching assistant can now not only answer basic student course questions, but **tutor students on course content** (e.g., explain course topics, help with assignments)
- Jill Watson serves as an intermediary, fact-checking ChatGPT responses before sending to students, **reducing the hallucination rate in ChatGPT from 40% to 11%**

Source: "AI-Powered Adaptive Learning: A Conversation with the Inventor of Jill Watson", *Online Education*, May 13, 2020; Georgia Institute of Technology, "Jill Watson: A Suite of Online Learning Tools", *Design & Intelligence Lab*, October 20, 2017; J Preston, "Jill Watson, an AI Pioneer in Education, Turns 4", *Georgia Tech*, January 24, 2020; J Young, "Georgia Tech Is Trying to Keep a ChatGPT-Powered Teaching Assistant From 'Hallucinating'", *EdSurge*, June 22, 2023; EAB Interviews and analysis.





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# Supercharge Academics and Staff Productivity with AI Efficiency Tools

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# Will AI Usher in a New Era of Productivity?

## Generative AI Projected to Augment Majority of Roles...



Of current jobs are exposed to some degree of AI automation

## ...Already Leading to Workforce Displacement

1 in 4



Companies have already replaced employees with ChatGPT

## Private Sector Augmenting their Staff with Conversational AI Bots

### Morgan Stanley

- ▶ Morgan Stanley trained GPT-4 on 100,000 of its bank and research documents for its financial advisors (FAs)
- ▶ FAs can now ask the AI bot anything from general business queries to investment strategy recommendations



- ▶ PwC developed a conversational AI bot that expedites tasks from contract analysis and due diligence to legal and consulting services
- ▶ The AI bot is now in use by 4,000+ PwC lawyers in 100+ countries

# 'Taking the Robot Out of the Human'



## RPA (Robotic Process Automation) in Brief

Method of training artificial intelligence or software "bots" to mimic human behavior, allowing them to perform high-volume, repeatable tasks

## Tasks Suitable for RPA Implementation

- ▶ High-volume manual processes
- ▶ Repetitive tasks
- ▶ Tasks with multiple steps
- ▶ Tasks requiring multiple digital interfaces

## Sample RPA Applications

- Reconcile employee IDs across multiple HR systems
- Automate the upload of student documents
- Pinpoint expired employee credit card accounts
- Reconcile student coursework with graduation requirements
- Automate processes for booking rooms for meetings, events, etc.
- Process purchase-orders invoices
- Create tagged records in student portals for communication from student services

## Select Institutions Using RPA



# From RPA Novice to Champion

## Repeated Successes Along the University of Melbourne's Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Journey



**Enrollment:** Student exam results collated and entered into enrollment system, replacing need for additional data entry staff

**Procurement:** New supplier registered in the procurement system within 30 minutes, replacing the previous 5-day queue

**IT:** System access established for new employees in 10 minutes, replacing the previous three-week wait time

**HR:** Automated verification of all timesheet adjustments removing need for manual checking of adjustments

**Contract Management:** New contracts automatically recorded without the need for manual checking and approvals

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RPA applications

10K

Hours of labor saved annually

“Administrative tasks are very repetitive, very rule-based. RPA was brought into the University of Melbourne to reduce the high-volume tasks so **we can actually do more data analysis and gather more insights into what students actually want.**”

*Shiv Chandra  
RPA Manager, University of Melbourne*

### What's Next?

Melbourne will train internal “RPA Champions” to utilize open-source RPA tools, thus avoiding expensive external hires and encouraging bottom-up use cases for RPA technology

# Universities Placing AI Bets to Cut Costs



## AI Staff Productivity Boons Throughout Departments

### Modest Bets to Augment

#### Admissions

Maryville University used Sia to automate transcript review, affording 14 admissions counselors **50% more time to build deeper relationships with students** through online and social media campaigns

#### Procurement

University of Florida uses AI tools to review contracts and ensure regulatory compliance in a matter of **minutes instead of hours**



### Big Bets to Replace Staff

#### Registrar

By automating **transfer credit evaluation**, Maple University<sup>1</sup> projects being able to achieve a **90% reduction in staff** required for this task

#### Enrolment Marketing

Maple University<sup>1</sup> projects that they will be able to **cut marketing costs by 40-50%** once they start using AI to help in their marketing campaigns

1) Anonymized institution.

# Harnessing AI to Enhance Academic Productivity

## Teaching & Learning



### Academics

## Research



### Course Planning

Louisiana State University's Provost was able to generate a syllabus for an [interdisciplinary AI course](#) in **one hour as opposed to days** using ChatGPT.

# A+

### Grading

A professor at DuPont University<sup>1</sup> uses an AI grading tool to evaluate written content, **reducing the time she spends grading** and instead focuses more on teaching and research.



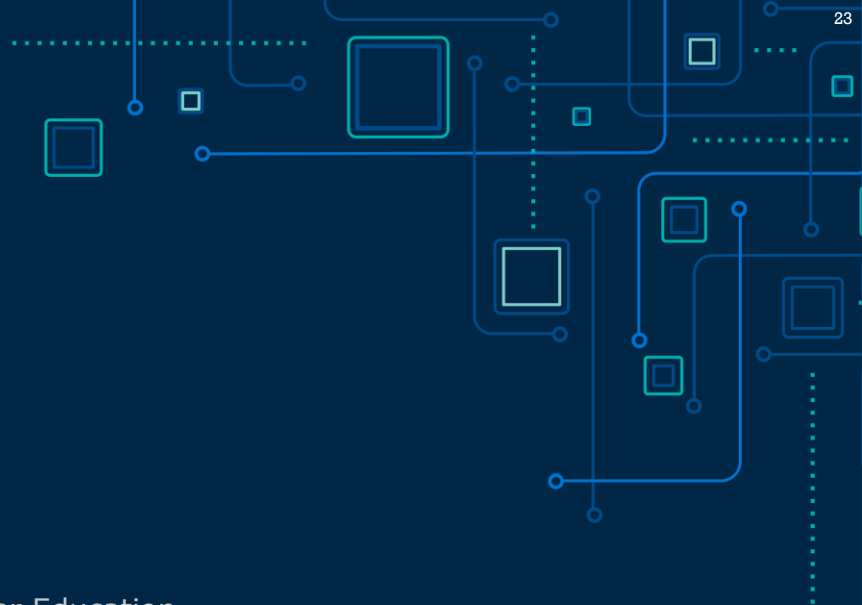
### Brainstorming

A postdoc at the University of South Denmark used ChatGPT to create an outline for a journal article, which he estimates **saved 20 hours of work**.



### Grant Writing

Students at the University of Oregon developed [ChangeFinder](#), a tool using ChatGPT technology, that **streamlines the grant writing process** by providing suggestions to user's responses to grant questions.



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Maximise Enrolment and  
Advancement Yield with Hyper  
Personalised Content Generation

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# Personalise Communications With AI

## Progressive Stages of Outreach Personalisation



Enrolment sends prospects a **mass mailer** with general campus information.



Prospects receive emails **in the voice of the dean** and including program information most aligned with their academic interests.



Prospects receive **custom outreach** based on academic/personal interests via **preferred modality and communication channel**.

## AI Enables Personalisation At-Scale By...

- ▶ **Modulating the tone** of outreach based on both the **sender and recipient**
- ▶ **Curating individualized content** based on recipients' background and interests
- ▶ **Generating content across modalities**, whether through a video, infographic, or interactive webinar
- ▶ **Automating** parts of every step of the outreach process **from content creation to delivery**



# The Marketing Arms Race's Next Evolution

Use AI to Hyper Personalise and Scale Outreach

## Two Ways USC's Annual Giving Team Used AI-Generated Messaging

*Improved Yield and Time Savings*

### 1 High-Volume Giving Day Outreach

- Used ChatGPT to generate messages for high-volume annual Giving Day campaign
- Customised messages based on past donor behaviour and written in the voice and tone of the giving team



Highest number of Giving Day donors in 6 years

**2K**

First-time donors

### 2 Fiscal Year-End Appeals in the Dean's Voice

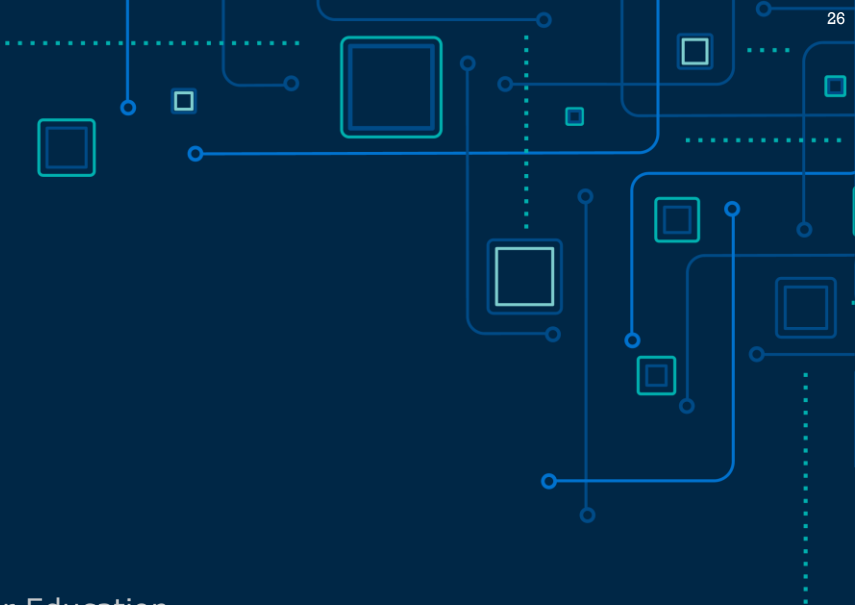
- Composed 392 appeals written in the voice of Deans from 20+ departments
- Team provided ChatGPT examples of previous Dean's appeals, fund descriptions, and donor history
- Nearly zero edits needed

**392**

Letters generated in a few hours

**+2**

Weeks of staff time saved



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Transcend the Historical Bounds of Innovation in Research by Using AI to Expand Human Capabilities

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# The AI Research Gold Rush Begins

## AI Redefines What is Possible in Research...

### ▶ Protein Design



AlphaFold, a DeepMind AI system, can accurately predict 3D models of protein structures – only a fraction of which have been studied because it is an expensive and time-consuming process.

### ▶ Synthetic Clinical Data



NVIDIA and **University of Florida Health's** neural network, SynGatorTron, generates synthetic clinical data that mimics real populations without the risk or privacy concerns of human data

### ▶ Speech Pathology



National AI Institute for Exceptional Education is developing an AI Screener to monitor students' speech and language processing abilities by observing classroom interactions (e.g., speech, facial expressions)

## ...As Governments Commit Unprecedented Levels of Funding

### U.S.A

- Invests **\$140 million** to establish seven new national AI research institutes after spending **\$3.3 billion** on AI research in 2022

### Canada

- Awards nearly **\$1.4 billion** for AI and robotics research in largest-ever federal university grant

### U.K.

- Announces **£54 million** investment to develop trustworthy AI research

### Germany

- Plans to double public funding for AI research to nearly **€1 billion** over next couple of years

Source: A Costa, "[Unlimited Data, Unlimited Possibilities: UF Health and NVIDIA Build World's Largest Clinical Language Generator](#)", NVIDIA, March 22, 2022; C Nealon, "[UB awarded \\$20 million to establish national AI institute](#)", University of Buffalo, January 10, 2023; C Smith, "[\\$54 million boost to develop secure and trustworthy AI research](#)", Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, June 14, 2023; DeepMind, "[AlphaFold](#)", Google, 2023; N O'Neill, "[Largest-ever federal university grant awarded for AI and robotics research, as part of \\$1.4B fund](#)", CTV News, April 28, 2023; T Escritt & D Symnath, "[Germany plans to double AI funding in race with China, U.S.](#)", Reuters, August 23, 2023; University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; EAB interviews and analysis.

# Understanding the Future of AI in Higher Education

## Five Ways in Which AI Will Shape Tomorrow's Campuses

### 1

#### Personalised Support



AI will drive **personalisation for everyone** – from tailoring student support and marketing content to each student to providing all staff role-specific AI assistants.

### 2

#### Productivity Gains



AI will usher in a **new era of productivity**, saving everyone from faculty to staff time so that they can assume new and more strategic responsibilities.

### 3

#### Versatile Connections



The ability to interact with AI multi-modally through **voice**, **visual cues**, and **touch** (and AI's ability to respond in kind), will make AI more accessible and widely applicable.

### 4

#### AI Use Simplified



AI tools will be designed for **ease**, allowing those **without technical backgrounds** to create new apps in seconds and harness their power in the classroom and beyond.

### 5

#### AI Will Be Ubiquitous



From **lecture halls** to **dorm rooms**, AI-driven tools and bots will be seamlessly integrated into **every facet** of the campus.



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# Prioritizing Opportunities in AI

## Exercise (60 min)

- Form groups of 2-3 (but do the exercise for your own uni)
- Brainstorm list of use cases individually [5 min]
- Review list with group, add anything missing [15 min]
- Score each item on impact vs required investment [10 min]
- Discuss with group [15 min]
- Score each of the top priorities on risk [5 min]
- Discuss with group [10 min]

# Sample Output



<b>Use Case</b>	<b>Impact (low = 1, high = 5)</b>	<b>Investment (low = 5, high = 1)</b>	<b>Combined Score (A X B)</b>	<b>Risk (low = 1, high = 5)</b>
Course-specific AI tutor	1	2	2	
Message generator for philanthropy solicitations	4	4	16	4



# AI Governance

Early Insights on Making Decisions and  
Setting Institutional Strategy around AI

IT Strategy Advisory Services





# How Can You “Manage” the AI Explosion?

This Is a Governance Issue, Not a Technology Issue

“The real dilemma is that institutional governance at universities is catastrophically slow. By the time a new policy is approved it is out of date immediately. Establishing principles and guidelines is a more iterative approach, but, ultimately, we need to accommodate this within standard university governance like any other technology.”

*PVC Teaching and Learning*

## **Existing Governance Models Not Prepared to Address the Full Range of AI Issues**

- Academic Governance
- IT Governance
- Data Governance
- Digital Transformation Initiatives
- Research Ethics Committees
- Curriculum Review Committees

# Acknowledging the Risks of AI



## How Can the University Help Staff Manage These Risks?

### 1. Ethical and Bias Issues:

- Algorithmic bias
- Lack of transparency and explainability
- Privacy concerns

### 2. Academic Integrity and Cheating:

- AI-powered plagiarism tools
- Automated essay grading
- Contract cheating services

### 3. Job Displacement and Automation:

- Automation of administrative tasks
- Impact on faculty roles
- Skills gap and educational needs

### 4. Cybersecurity and Surveillance:

- Increased vulnerability to cyberattacks
- Student surveillance and privacy
- Transparency and oversight

### 5. Overreliance on Technology and Dehumanization:

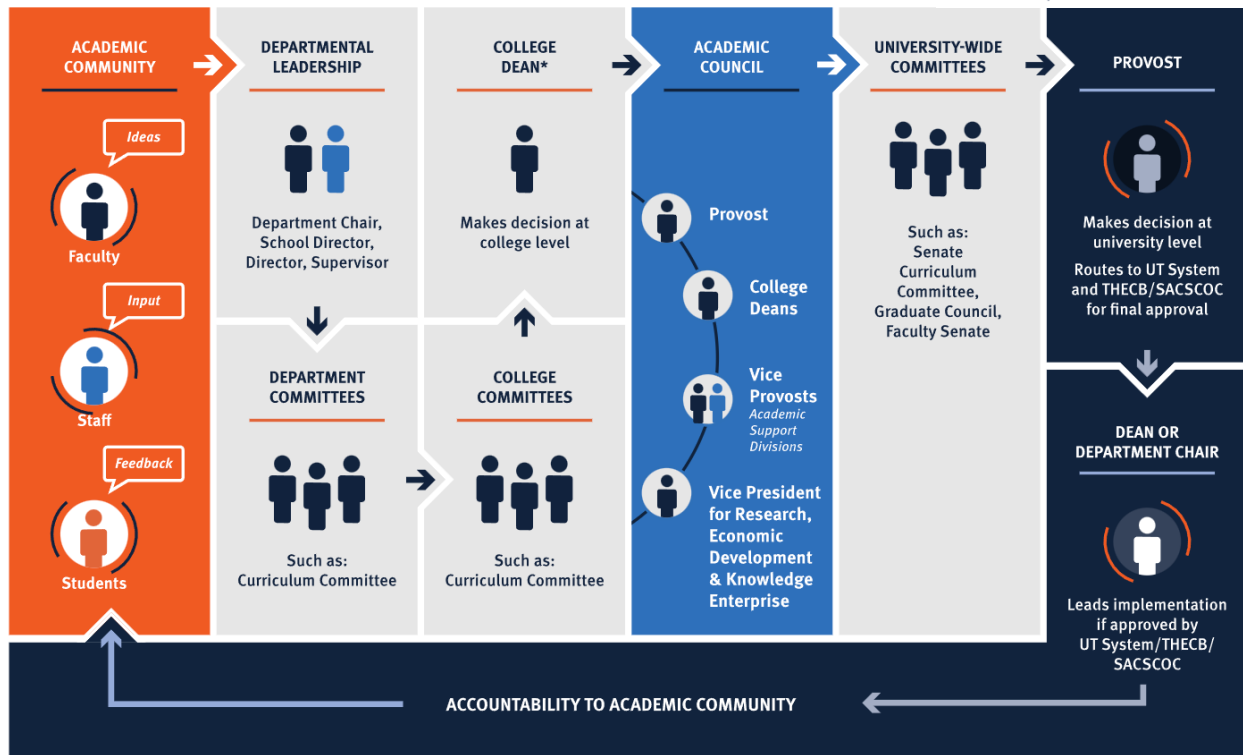
- Dependence on AI solutions
- Loss of personal interaction and human connection
- Need for a human-centered approach

# An Inclusive But Complicated Process

## Shared Governance for Academic Matters

**UTSA**

The University of Texas at San Antonio™



# Traditional IT Governance Focused on Project Prioritization



Scope of Responsibilities Needs to Fit Institutional Culture



# Data Governance Focuses on Structured Data



Policies and Processes to Aggregate, Standardize and Improve Campus Data

## Data Governance in Action



# Digital Transformation Supports Organizational Change

Digital transformation does not happen by itself; rather, it requires the development of **concrete practices, infrastructure, and skills**—collectively, **capabilities**—that create an environment in which transformation can flourish.

Specifically, digital transformation requires both **organizational capabilities**, which help drive **cultural change**, as well as **IT capabilities**, which ensure the **technological infrastructure** is equipped for transformation at scale.

# Eight Digital Transformation Capabilities

## Core Organizational Capabilities

1

### Executive Sponsorship for Digital Ambitions

*Does your senior management understand the necessity of digital innovation for both organizational continuity and market relevance?*

2

### Process and Customer Journey Mapping

*Do you understand and regularly collect input from students, staff, and alumni about digital expectations?*

3

### Portfolio-Minded Project Prioritization

*Do senior leaders on your campus agree on a process for evaluating and approving digital initiatives?*

4

### Digital Literacy and Engagement Campaigns

*Does your campus recognize that promoting and enabling digital transformation requires campus-wide engagement and culture change?*

## Core IT Capabilities

1

### Integrated Digital Platforms

*Do you minimize costs in your technology portfolio through scalable enterprise architecture?*

2

### Future-Oriented IT Skills

*Do you keep your digital strategy and agenda in mind when providing ongoing IT staff training and hiring new staff?*

3

### Trend and Opportunity Sensing

*Are your IT staff motivated by change and actively engaged in environmental scanning, competitor analysis, and trend identification?*

4

### Roadmap to Support and Scale Innovation

*Do you identify and pilot customer-driven innovations to ensure that any potential risks from new endeavors are contained?*

# Three Imperatives for AI Governance



## What's New With AI?



## How Can Leaders Maximize the Impact of AI Investments?



**Democratized access to AI tools** means pockets of experimentation are already budding across campus



1

**Harness grassroots AI experimentation** across campus



Working with AI demands **new and different skillsets**



2

**Build AI expertise** within and outside of IT



AI tools can **process more and different types of data** (i.e., unstructured data)



3

**Collect and govern data necessary** to leverage AI solutions



# From Innovation Theatre to Digital Transformation



While AI Tech Is Still Nascent, Important to Keep Long Term Goal in Mind

## **Innovation Theatre**

Pockets of innovation across campus, each one targeted to a small number of students, faculty, or staff




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**Digital Transformation**  
AI innovations are scaled to solve big problems for large segments of the campus community



## *Example*

Institution builds and deploys an AI tutor and teaching assistant faculty can customize to their courses

## Miami CIO Convened a Full-Day AI Symposium for All Campus Stakeholders

## Miami AI Symposium

*15 Presentations from Faculty, Staff, and Students in Three Tracks*



### Policy, Law, and Changing Pedagogy

Exploring the implications of generative AI with IP and academic integrity



### Academic

How will generative AI impact teaching and learning



### General AI

A look into what generative AI is capable of and the risks associated with AI models

### Sessions include:

- Generative AI and IP: Frenemies or BFFs?
- AI: The Future of Creative Teaching and Learning is Now
- ChatGPT vs. Google: A Comparative Study of Search Performance and User Experience
- Writing with Generative AI and Human-Machine Teaming: Insights and Recommendations from Faculty and Students

“*There was way more interest than we imagined from across campus. Our **student government, enrollment office, and our president** all came up to me and volunteered to co-sponsor the symposium.*”

*David Seidl, CIO  
Miami University of Ohio*

# Pull Together Dedicated Group of AI Leaders



## Dickinson

### CIO Drives Presidential AI Working Group Focused on Operations

The Presidential Working Group on AI and LLMs<sup>1</sup> aims to address the operational implications of AI by developing a **comprehensive roadmap** that:

- Explores the responsible use of AI
- Identifies appropriate applications
- Shapes the future of AI integration



### *Involvement From Campus Stakeholders*

Established based on the recommendation of the IT department, this group has members of faculty, students, and staff from various departments, including but not limited to:

- Finance and Administration
- Human Resources
- Enrollment Management

### Group Focused on Both Short-Term and Long-Term Goals

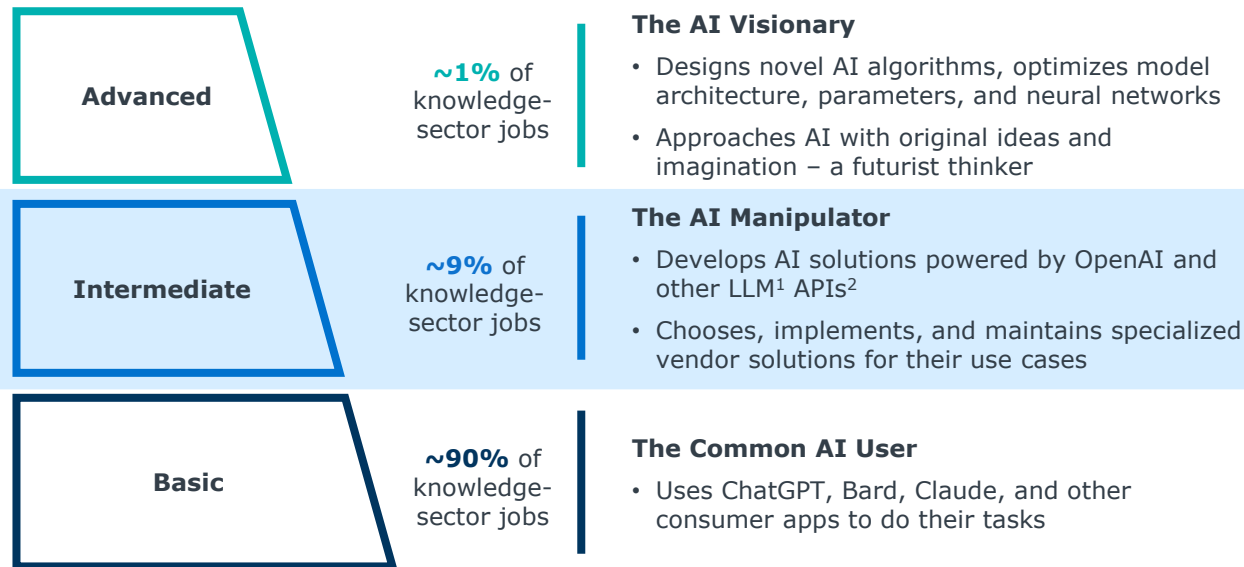
- ▶ **Raise awareness** and foster understanding of AI and its use in working, teaching, and learning
- ▶ **Explore collaboration** with external organizations, industry experts, or academic institutions in AI
- ▶ **Assess the feasibility** and potential benefits of investing in AI tools
- ▶ Develop mechanisms to **evaluate the impact** and effectiveness of AI initiatives
- ▶ **Conduct policy reviews** to safeguard against abusive or illegal use of AI
- ▶ **Identify professional development** opportunities to upskill in AI for both employees and students

1) Large language models.

# How Advanced Do IT Staff Need to Be?



## Levels of AI Knowledge by Future Workforce Demand



1) Large language model.

2) Application programming interface.

# New Era of Upskilling for IT Staff

## Rise of AI Defines New Skillsets and Tasks for IT

### 1 Build and Train AI Tools



#### *Skills:*

- Generative AI Fundamentals
- Data Engineering
- UX Programming

#### *Examples:*

- Building specialized AI applications
- Training (e.g., prompt-engineering, fine-tuning) different AI tools
- Creating user interfaces

### 2 Provide Ongoing Monitoring and Maintenance for AI Tools



- Data Management
- Performance Monitoring
- GPUs and Storage
- Adding or removing data as needed and monitoring for degradation
- Regularly testing AI tools to ensure accurate outputs
- Monitoring system usage for sufficient processing power and data storage

### 3 Support Campus AI Tool Selection, Development, and Usage



- AI Landscape Knowledge
- AI Governance
- Understanding the tools available and use cases they are best suited for
- Providing knowledge of AI risks and regulations and governing data on campus

# Invest in AI Training and Create Practice Sandboxes

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## IT Staff Takes Microsoft Workshop and Builds Institutional AI Bots

- Microsoft administered a workshop for 20 IT staff members on building AI bots.
- Staff were able to **build a proof-of-concept conversational AI bot** connected to UT Dallas' institutional knowledge base in only four hours.



## Central IT Develops AI Tools for Distributed IT to Use and Experiment With

- Central IT team developed AI tools (e.g., produce notes from call recordings, help index and vectorize data) in a Llama sandbox environment.
- To encourage use and experimentation, central IT provided **training to IT department leaders on how to use AI tools and prepare departmental data** for them (e.g., index and vectorize internal knowledge bases).

## Free, Online Courses Reduce Training Burden for IT Departments



Microsoft's AI Builder Challenge teaches users how to build AI models and explains how to use them.



Google offers a Generative AI Learning Path that covers LLMs, Generative AI fundamentals, and applying AI principles with Google Cloud.

# Reposition Trained AI Staff as Campus Consultants

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The University at Buffalo **repositioned three IT staff as Principal Architects (PA) that primarily support campus AI use.** Before transitioning, PAs completed Microsoft trainings on AI capabilities within its suite of tools.



## Principal Architects Support Campus AI Use Cases



### Using ChatGPT in Teaching

Answering questions and partnering with faculty interested in using AI tools in class



### Piloting AI Integrations

Piloting Zoom's new AI integration across several departments before rolling it out across campus



### Training AI Models For Research Use

Working with the school of management to train a departmental instance of Llama on public data sets

## CIO Plans to Hire for New AI Roles

The CIO has also allocated funding to hire three new AI staff, whose roles will focus on faculty support. Desired skills for new hires include:

- ✓ Knowledge of AI Tools
- ✓ Programming
- ✓ Data Visualization
- ✓ Data Engineering



# Enterprise AI Strategist Roles Opening Up

Centralized AI Leadership Positions Allow for Comprehensive Vision

## Chief AI Officer



### Background:

Western University created a [Chief AI Officer](#) role to lead the university through the AI frontier, acknowledging its transformative potential and the need for a strategic and informed AI leader

### Job Responsibilities:

- ▶ **Educate** and **advocate** for the ethical use of AI technologies on campus
- ▶ **Understand** and **address** the interests and concerns of campus members
- ▶ Guide the **ethical integration** of AI into pedagogy and operations
- ▶ Make **strategic decisions** on how AI can be best utilized to benefit the university and its stakeholders

## Enterprise AI Strategist



### Background:

ASU created the [Enterprise AI Strategist Role](#) in IT to propel forward student outcomes, research pathways, and digital transformation with AI

### Job Responsibilities:

- ▶ Implement a **university-wide** AI strategy in line with ASU's mission
- ▶ Lead **AI initiatives** under the CIO's direction, establishing AI governance
- ▶ Facilitate **interdisciplinary collaborations** to integrate AI
- ▶ Build **relationships** with industry, government, and research entities

# Maximizing Potential of Unstructured Data



## How IT Leaders Can Create a Sustainable Data Foundation to Scale AI Solutions



### Identify and collect useful unstructured data sources

*Ex: AI tutor*

- Recorded lectures and notes
- Digital credentials and comprehensive learner records
- Campus surveys and pulse checks
- Library records
- Online interactions



### Update policies to digitize, retain, and dispose unstructured data

For any data you envision using with AI tools, review:

- Digitization Policy
  - Ensure any physical data is digitized for the record
- Retention Policy
  - Prevent the disposal of potentially useful data (e.g., feedback surveys), while disposing of unnecessary data



### Incorporate unstructured data into data governance processes

Consider the following questions:

- How can we securely store unstructured data while promoting ease of access?
- Who will own this data and ensure policies and hygiene are upheld?

# How EAB Can Help You Address AI Challenges

## EAB's Artificial Intelligence Resources:

### Current Resources to Bring Back to Campus



#### Board and Cabinet Briefings on AI in Higher Education

Bring these insights to your campus. Equip your cabinet, board, or other stakeholders with a deeper understanding of the AI trends shaping higher education.

#### AI Promises Infographic

Learn more about the promises of artificial intelligence by requesting the latest ITSAS infographic from your strategic leader.

### Upcoming Events and Resources



#### Presidential Experience Lab

*Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work*

June 4-5, 2024 | Silicon Valley

- Join us on a tour with other Presidents we visit cutting edge technology companies and hear from leading academic practitioners to see how AI is already disrupting the world of work, learning, knowledge creation, and the creative arts.



#### AI Strategy Workshop

Prepare your campus for the AI future by participating in a strategy workshop led by EAB experts. Leaders will learn the key elements of AI strategy and begin to apply these lessons and develop a cohesive AI strategy for their own institution.



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