

Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Opportunities and Ethical Challenges

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Abstract

This review paper examines the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in higher education, highlighting its transformative potential in teaching, learning, assessment, administration, research, and student support while critically discussing ethical, legal, and governance challenges. It synthesizes contemporary literature and identifies opportunities, risks, and recommendations for responsible AI adoption in universities.

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Artificial Intelligence, Higher Education, Generative AI, Ethics, Academic Integrity, Learning Analytics, Digital Education

Introduction

Artificial intelligence has become one of the most influential technologies shaping higher education. Universities worldwide are integrating AI-powered systems into teaching, learning, admissions, student support, research, and institutional management. The rapid rise of generative AI has further accelerated discussions regarding educational quality, assessment integrity, privacy, bias, transparency, and responsible innovation.

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Conclusion

Artificial intelligence offers unprecedented opportunities to improve higher education through personalization, efficiency, accessibility, and data-informed decision-making. However, ethical challenges related to fairness, privacy, transparency, accountability, academic integrity, and digital inequality require comprehensive governance. Universities should adopt responsible AI frameworks, invest in faculty and student AI literacy, establish ethical policies, and maintain meaningful human oversight to ensure that AI contributes positively to equitable, inclusive, and high-quality higher education.

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