

AI-Readiness in Higher Education: A Two-Part Faculty Development Webinar Series

Overview

Part 1: Faculty Panel: Monday, October 27, 2025 2-3 PM

Part 2: Interactive Workshop and Idea Development, Wednesday, December 3, 2025
3-4 PM

Offered via Zoom

This two-part webinar series is offered to faculty from three Massachusetts institutions; Framingham State University, Northern Essex Community College and the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Designed as a cross-institutional collaboration open to all three participating schools, this series aims to highlight achievable ways faculty might engage with GenAI for teaching and learning as well as provide some lessons learned from the process.

The webinar series will be facilitated by [Lance Eaton](#), Senior Associate Director of AI in Teaching and Learning at Northeastern University. Faculty may attend both or one session.

Part 1: Faculty Panel

Format: Fully online, multidisciplinary panel discussion

The first session features Round One CA-ROTEL faculty grant recipients, sharing short (5 minute) presentations, followed by a panel discussion. Faculty presenters will share their experiences integrating AI-readiness into their curricula, showcase AI applications they've developed for their courses, and discuss implementation strategies across different disciplines.

This session emphasizes real-world applications and lessons learned, creating a foundation for dialogue and inspiration. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities of leveraging GenAI in their courses, particularly as it relates to making education more open and accessible.

At the end of session one, with the guidance provided, attendees will be invited to experiment with GenAI in their own teaching and report back on their experiences in session two.

Key Features:

- Faculty-led presentations highlighting AI integration projects
- Multidisciplinary perspectives from various academic departments
- Interactive panel discussion format encouraging audience engagement
- Cross-pollination opportunities among institutions

Part 2: Interactive Workshop & Idea Development

Format: Participant-driven workshop with mentorship opportunities

The second session shifts the spotlight to participants, inviting them to share their AI integration goals and ideas. This hands-on, workshop-style format fosters a supportive, collaborative environment where faculty can explore possibilities and develop concrete, personalized plans for incorporating AI into their teaching. Participants will be given the opportunity to work on one or more possible projects that are adjusted to their skill level. During the workshop, participants will be able to play, test out, and get feedback from peers as they consider and plan how they might want to implement at least one new way of engaging with AI in teaching and learning.

Workshop Components:

- Structured idea-sharing sessions
- Mentorship opportunities with experienced faculty
- Collaborative problem-solving discussions
- Action planning for spring implementation

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Dr. Lance Eaton is the Senior Associate Director of AI in Teaching and Learning at Northeastern University. His work engages with the possibility of digital tools for expanding teaching and learning communities while considering the profound issues and questions that educational technologies open up for students, faculty, and higher ed as a whole. In the last few years, he has written about, spoken with, and consulted with scores of higher education institutions about navigating the complexities and possibilities that generative AI represents for us in this moment. His musings, reflections, and ramblings on AI and Education can be found on his blog: <https://aiedusimplified.substack.com/>

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