

CALL FOR AI CHALLENGE SUBMISSIONS

California State University
AI SUMMER CAMP 2026



You bring the problem. Students build the solution.

We're inviting CSU campus leaders to submit real operational challenges to be tackled by mentored student teams during a week-long AI hackathon. Student teams will build solutions using 5 proven AI patterns - see below for what kinds of challenges fit.

Camp takes place July 12 – July 17, 2026 in San Luis Obispo, California.

HOW IT WORKS

1. You submit a challenge - a real problem or opportunity from your campus
2. Student teams build AI solutions - during a mentored, week-long sprint
3. You get a working prototype - with potential for systemwide rollout

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

1. A defined problem or opportunity (we'll help you scope it)
2. Access to relevant non-sensitive or sample data
3. 2-4 hours of mentorship during camp week (virtual or in-person)

KEY DATES

Submission Deadline	June 1, 2026
Selection Notification	June 5, 2026
Camp Week	July 12-17



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WHAT KINDS OF CHALLENGES

1) BUILD A CHATBOT GROUNDED IN YOUR DATA

Your advising office fields the same questions hundreds of times a semester. A chatbot that answers students using your actual catalog, degree requirements, and financial aid policies — with citations staff can verify.

2) PARSE AND STRUCTURE UNSTRUCTURED DATA

Admissions staff manually pull key details from uploaded transcripts, recommendation letters, or AP invoices. AI that reads those documents, extracts the relevant fields, and stages them in a structured format for staff to review.

3) APPLY DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORKS AT SCALE

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4) AUTOMATE A MULTI-STEP WORKFLOW

Transfer credit evaluation requires pulling transcripts, checking course equivalencies across catalogs, and drafting evaluations. An AI agent that handles the legwork and drafts evaluations for an advisor to review and approve.

5) REAL-TIME INTERACTIVE AI ASSISTANCE

Your campus help desk handles calls about registration, parking, IT issues, and more. A voice or chat system where callers describe their issue and get real-time answers drawn from your campus data or get routed to the right person.

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/Dxhub1/CSUCall-ForChallengesAISummer-Camp2026>

NOT SELECTED?

We'll Still follow up on ways to move your idea forward

QUESTIONS?

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<http://submit.csu.aicamp.calpoly.io/>