

Cal Poly AI Symposium 2026 Overview

Our two-day Cal Poly **AI Symposium 2026** will take place on **May 7, 2026**, with lead in events on **May 6th** and will bring together faculty, staff, students, administrators, and industry and community partners to examine the evolving role of artificial intelligence in higher education, industry, and society.

AI Symposium Day || May 7, 8:30am – 5pm, Chumash Auditorium

This year's symposium will bring together faculty, students, and staff around four themes:

- AI in the Workforce and Industry
- Ethical and Human-Centered AI
- The Future of Learning and AI in Higher Ed
- Innovation, Creativity, and Emerging Technologies

The AI Symposium will feature a full day of engaging and forward-looking programming designed to highlight innovation, collaboration, and applied learning. The day will open with keynote remarks, setting the stage for exploration of emerging trends and practical applications of artificial intelligence in higher education and beyond. A hosted lunch will provide time for networking and community building. Attendees will then participate in a series of concurrent sessions, offering diverse perspectives from faculty, industry experts, and campus partners. The afternoon will culminate in a featured Noyce Distinguished Speaker who will offer insights at the intersection of research, practice, and societal impact. The day will conclude with a reception, providing opportunity for continued dialogue and connection.

[Register to Attend](#)

Structured programming will also take place on May 6 in advance of the May 7 symposium.

Faculty Luncheon and AI Policy Discussion || May 6, 12pm – 2pm, LOHR Wine and Viticulture Center

A working luncheon for faculty focused on AI policy and practice on campus will take place on **Wednesday, May 6**. This discussion, will bring faculty together to explore key considerations related to responsible use, governance, and thoughts on the integration of AI into teaching and learning.

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AI: Your Competitive Advantage || May 6, 2pm – 4pm, LOHR Wine and Viticulture Center

Also on **Wednesday, May 6**, join us for a dynamic and hands-on session exploring how artificial intelligence can be leveraged as a true competitive advantage in the private sector. This session bridges the gap between curiosity and real-world application, offering practical strategies for using AI to enhance decision-making, innovation, and organizational effectiveness. Participants will gain actionable insights and a clear framework for integrating AI into their daily work across academic, administrative, and industry contexts. Whether you are new to AI or looking to deepen your applied knowledge, this session provides a powerful and accessible entry point.

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For more information in the Cal Poly AI Symposium 2026: <https://provost.calpoly.edu/aisymposium2026>