

AI-Ready Assessment

A Collaborative Cohort for Faculty Developers

As student use of AI proliferates, how can instructors move beyond reactive responses to better define and assess the learning outcomes of their courses?

This question is at the heart of **AI-Ready Assessment**, a new 12-month cohort experience Ithaka S+R is launching this fall. Participating institutions will gain insight into how generative AI is reshaping assessment practices while developing practical, campus-specific resources to help faculty design effective assessments for an AI-mediated learning environment.

Project outcomes

In collaboration with Ithaka S+R and teams from multiple institutions, participants will:

- Deepen their understanding of AI's impact on teaching, learning, and assessment
- Gather institution-specific data about faculty attitudes, concerns, and needs related to AI and assessment
- Design and implement resources that support innovation in assessment
- Develop campus-specific diagnostic protocols to help instructors make student learning more visible and assessable in the age of AI
- Build institutional capacity to engage faculty across a wide range of AI knowledge, experience, and adoption levels.

Project structure

Teams of three to four people from each campus will work with Ithaka S+R researchers and AI experts through virtual workshops, collaborative discussions, guided research activities, technical assistance, and resource development. Staff will spend approximately two weeks (FTE) across the 12-month engagement.

1. **Phase 1: Learning** (Months 1–2): Explore how AI is reshaping assessment, student learning, and faculty practice while developing faculty outreach and engagement strategies.
2. **Phase 2: Data Collection** (Months 3–6): Conduct faculty focus groups using research instruments developed with Ithaka S+R to better understand local needs and opportunities.
3. **Phase 3: Design** (Months 7–10): Curate and develop campus-specific resources and diagnostic tools to help instructors make thoughtful choices about assignments and assessments in their courses.
4. **Phase 4: Sharing** (Months 11–12): Participants share project outcomes, reflect on lessons learned, and explore opportunities for continued collaboration and scaling.

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