

## Spring 2026

The Spring AI Day will be student-facing. Taking place at [John C. Hitt Library](#) on Wednesday, April 8, this student-focused event will highlight practical, ethical, and academic uses of artificial intelligence, with sessions designed to support student learning, productivity, and career readiness. We hope you'll help us spread the word and join us in supporting student AI literacy.

### Agenda

#### **10:00 – 10:50am – AI in the Workplace: Insights from Industry Recruiters (Solarium, Room 402)**

Join us for a dynamic employer panel hosted by UCF Career Services. This session brings together recruiters from leading organizations, including Teach for America and others, to share how artificial intelligence is shaping hiring practices and workforce expectations across industries.

Panelists will explore questions such as:

- What AI-related skills and abilities do employers look for in ideal candidates?
- What does AI fluency or literacy look like in your industry?
- Where do recent graduates often fall short in AI knowledge—and how can they improve?
- What advice would you give to college students preparing for an AI-driven future?

If you're a student preparing for your career, this conversation will offer valuable insights into the evolving role of AI in the workplace

#### **11:00 – 11:50am AI from the Students' Perspective: Insights you're your Fellow Students (Solarium, Room 402)**

This panel brings together students to share how they are actually using AI in their academic work, from research and writing to studying and productivity. Panelists will discuss the benefits, challenges, and ethical questions they encounter, alongside perspectives from students who are skeptical of or actively oppose the use of AI in their learning. Attendees will gain practical insights, a range of viewpoints, and a clearer understanding of how their peers are navigating—and questioning—AI in higher education.

#### **11:30am – 12:30pm – AI Playground (Digital Exploration Center, Room 425)**

Stop by and join us for a demo of various AI tools! These demos do not include advanced techniques but provide insights into functionalities using quick examples. Bring your questions, and we'll provide answers and demonstrations. Tools include Copilot, Firefly, and Elicit.

#### **12:00 – 12:30pm Rapid AI Presentations (Solarium, Room 402)**

Take in a series of rapid presentations featuring brief, focused talks on various AI tools, including Copilot, Copilot Agents, NotebookLM, CustomGPT for business and engineering students. Each presenter will share quick insights, examples, or questions that highlight how AI is being explored, applied, or challenged in different contexts. It's a fast-paced way to gather ideas and inspiration before continuing the conversation in the AI Playground.

#### **2:00 – 2:50pm – AI in the Classroom: Faculty and Students in Conversation about AI Assignments (Digital Exploration Center, Room 425: DEC Instruction Room, Room 429)**

This panel brings faculty and students together to discuss how AI is reshaping course assignments. Panelists will share how instructors are designing assignments in an AI era and how students are using, interpreting, or questioning these expectations. Attendees will gain practical insights, hear a range of perspectives, and explore opportunities and challenges in integrating AI into teaching and learning.

#### **3:00 – 4:00pm – AI in Student Research Posters from Student Research Week 2026 (Digital Exploration Center, Room 425)**

This poster session showcases student-led research exploring the possibilities, impacts, and challenges of artificial intelligence across disciplines. Presenters will share projects ranging from applied AI tools and technical innovations to critical, ethical, and humanistic analyses of AI in society. Attendees can engage

directly with student researchers, ask questions, and discover how emerging scholars are contributing new insights to the rapidly evolving AI landscape.

**3:00 – 4:00pm – AI in Practice: MyFi – How Student Researchers Built an Empathetic AI Financial Behavior Coach Using Real World Industry Data (Solarium, Room 402)**

In this session, student researchers will explain how they designed and tested the MyFi AI Coaching Pilot — an effort to create the first AI-driven financial coach built on behavioral insights rather than traditional financial data. Working with Money Habitudes CEO, Cara Macksoud, and drawing on 100K+ of Money Habitudes assessment responses and supported by a clearly scoped two semester research framework, the team explored whether AI could deliver coaching that feels empathetic, personal, and human. The presentation will highlight the research process, technical challenges, and the unique opportunity students had to work with behavioral data that had never been used in this context before. The team will share early findings about whether emotionally intelligent, scalable AI coaching can enhance financial well being and how their pilot could inform the next generation of financial wellness tools.