

## What is AI at BIU?

Artificial intelligence represents a broad and dynamic field, and at Benson Idahosa University we embrace our role in shaping its future. Our commitment goes beyond conventional boundaries, integrating diverse disciplines to advance AI.

At BIU AI, we unite research and education, forging an AI strategy for global benefit. Our focus is on pioneering safe AI technologies, integrating human-centered design in autonomous systems and harnessing AI's potential for societal good. We are a powerhouse of brilliant minds, cutting-edge research infrastructure and substantial resources, driving innovations for a better tomorrow.



## Our AI Partners

Collaboration is key at BIU AI. We join forces with diverse partners, including private sector companies, government agencies, policymakers, non-profits and other academic institutions. These collaborations foster innovation, impact policy and ensure our AI research and solutions are grounded in societal needs.



# BIU AI Academy



BIU set to launch AI Academy which is Strategic partnership to deliver AI capabilities, skills and education to all BIU employees as part of a broader investment in a digital-first culture.

The AI Academy is intended to educate and empower employees at all levels to identify and integrate AI and machine learning solutions into every BIU system and process.

BIU is uniquely positioned to help businesses learn how to use AI to drive the kinds of breakthroughs needed to address urgent societal challenges.

BIU will launch the program next semester. Watch out!

# AI News at BIU

## AI Policy at Benson Idahosa University (BIU)



**Introduction:** Benson Idahosa University (BIU) has established an AI policy to foster innovation, research, and excellence in artificial intelligence (AI). The policy was approved by the Senate on February 3, 2025, under the leadership of Professor John Okhuoya, Vice-Chancellor of BIU.

### Objectives:

1. **Advancing AI Research:** The AI Center at BIU aims to advance the frontiers of AI through cutting-edge research and strategic industry collaborations.
2. **Educational Excellence:** The policy focuses on equipping students, researchers, and industry professionals with the knowledge and tools necessary to harness AI for sustainable development and societal advancement.
3. **Multidisciplinary Approach:** The AI Center encourages collaboration among experts from computer science, engineering, data science, and other fields to create innovative solutions for real-world challenges.

### Key Initiatives:

1. **Collaborations:** BIU has initiated collaborations with the National Association of Artificial Intelligence Practitioners (NAAIP) and established a strategic partnership with Engr. Dr. Harrison Edokpolor of the University of Bath, UK.
2. **Workshops and Seminars:** The AI Center organizes workshops, seminars, and collaborative research projects to bridge the gap between academia and industry.

3. **Training Programs:** The center provides training programs for academic staff through the Virtual Institute of Capacity Building in Higher Education (VICBHE).

**Vision:** BIU's AI policy envisions a future where AI is harnessed for the betterment of education, healthcare, business, agriculture, and various other sectors. The goal is to shape the future through intelligence, innovation, and impact1.