Introducing the Midday Mindshare: AI for Teaching series — Join Us in the AI Lab This April

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Curious about how artificial intelligence (AI) can support your teaching, research, and daily workflows? This April, the Teaching & Learning Centre will host **Midday Mindshare: AI for Teaching**, a new series of workshops in the AI Lab at Newnham Campus designed to help faculty and instructors explore practical ways to use AI in academic settings.

Whether you're completely new to AI or looking to integrate it more meaningfully into your work, these in-person workshops provide guided practice, demonstrations, and opportunities to experiment with emerging tools alongside colleagues.

Upcoming Workshops in the Midday Mindshare: AI for Teaching Series

Prompting Tips and Tricks for Newcomers to AI
Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2026 at 12:35 p.m.
Join us for a practical session focused on essential Copilot prompting techniques that are perfect for building confidence and collecting ideas for classroom use. We will offer lots of hands-on practice tailored to faculty across disciplines.

Create AI Roleplays for Your Students the Easy Way!
Thursday, Apr. 2, 2026 at 11:40 a.m.
or
Thursday, Apr. 9, 2026 at 12:35 p.m.
Roleplays are powerful experiential learning opportunities that can help students apply knowledge and develop communication skills in a memorable and engaging way. AI agents and prompt libraries now make it easy for faculty to craft custom online roleplay scenarios tailor-made for their lessons.
In this hands-on workshop, you will explore firsthand the power of AI roleplay simulations. Together, we will use MS 365 Copilot's AI agent creator and prompt templates to build and share a simple AI roleplay agent. You'll have an opportunity to critically evaluate the finished product and discuss how we can use this emerging technology purposefully and responsibly.

AI in the Stacks: Utilizing AI in Research Workflows and Library Databases
Monday, Apr. 13, 2026 at 11:40 a.m.
or
Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2026 at 11:40 a.m.
This workshop will demonstrate how AI has become a part of conducting research and how you can utilize AI with vetted trusted library resources. This workshop will always present and demonstrate research-centric AI tools and showcase some AI features embedded into Library databases. This session aims to demonstrate how to use information literacy and AI literacy skills while leveraging AI in your research processes.

Held in-person in the AI Lab at Newnham Campus, these workshops focus on practical strategies you can apply in your teaching and research. Register to attend in MyPD. **Space is limited, so register early** and start exploring new ways to incorporate AI into your academic practice.

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