

# Al's Impact on Higher Ed

With artificial intelligence (AI) set to play a bigger role in the way we live and work, it raises the question of how it will affect higher education administrators, faculty, and students.

# What is AI?

It is the development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally done by humans. Al uses algorithms to do everything from picking stocks to

diagnosing diseases.

# **Al Expansion & Growth**

From 2018-2022, Al use in the U.S. education sector is expected to grow at a rate of 47.77%.\*



Admission and retention jobs are likely to be partly automated: their functions will *change*, not *disappear*. These staff members may perform different administrative tasks based on AI data.

## **Recruiting & Admissions**

Staff will have more opportunity to personalize students' admissions experiences with fewer resources.

#### **Examples of Tasks AI Can Improve:**

- Answer inquiries received during admissions cycle quickly
- Deliver prospective students informational materials and answers to common admissions questions within hours of their request
- Predict applicants most likely to enroll
- Automate tedious activities, such as visa processing, student housing selection, and course registration

#### **Student Success & Retention**

Staff's retention efforts will be more proactive than reactive, reducing pressure on "front-end" admissions offices and improving schools' bottom lines.

### **Examples of Tasks AI Can Improve:**

- Identify early warning signs, red flags, and students who are most likely to struggle academically
- Create rapid tutoring and retention intervention strategies
- Engage students throughout the lifecycle

#### Want to learn more?

Read "Artificial intelligence and <u>recruitment, admission, </u> **progression, and retention**" from the Enrollment Management Report.

# Don't Ignore the Role Al Will Play in the Future

While they should be careful not to over-rely on it, higher ed staff stand to benefit from Al's ability to automate time-intensive tasks, freeing them up to create more personalized student experiences. If your institution needs help supporting new technologies, Wiley Education Services can help: contact us at 630-366-2900 or edservices.wiley.com.

#### Sources:

Artificial Intelligence Market in the US Education Sector 2018-2022 report

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