Teaching with AI Champion

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Background: Teaching with AI Micro-credential

Teaching with AI / Enseigner avec l'IA is a bilingual (English/French) facilitated microcredential program designed to help postsecondary educators and future teachers develop key skills in exploring, evaluating, and experimenting with AI and Generative AI in their teaching practices.

By the end of this micro-credential, learners will have the capacity to:
- Discern the key concepts and contexts of AI
- Demonstrate practical and ethical AI integration strategies in educational contexts
- Integrate AI effectively into teaching and learning practices
- Recommend strategies for AI-enabled education.

Opportunity

eCampusOntario is accepting expressions of interest (EOI) for **Teaching with AI Champions** from Ontario's publicly-assisted Indigenous institutions, colleges and universities, **to provide feedback** during the development phases of the micro-credential. The development phase started on August 25, 2025, and will end on January 14, 2026.

These **Champions** will hold positions within educational departments as faculty or support staff and must be AI leaders in their institution. If you are an **AI Champion** and interested in enhancing the Teaching with AI Micro-credential, we invite you to participate to the **Teaching with AI Champions** program. Champions will participate in reviewing and providing feedback on the program in EN or FR only, not both official languages.

Applicant Responsibilities

Teaching with AI **Champion** applicants will be responsible for:
- Providing feedback during the development phase of the program. (Timeline below)
- Completing a feedback questionnaire within a given timeline (2-3 days).
- Meeting with eCampusOntario staff if necessary.

This EOI will be awarded as per the specified application guidelines. Up to 10 **Teaching with AI Champions** will be selected. No more than one Champion will be appointed within each institution, and we will prioritize minimum 1 from Francophone Institution, Indigenous Institute, College, and University in awarding the opportunities.

Financial Support

Each **Teaching with AI Champion** will receive a stipend of $2,000.

Application Guidelines

Application for Champion Approval

The application must include:

1. Applicant Details
    a. Applicant's position
    b. Applicant's contact information
    c. Name of the institution
    d. Name of the educational department
2. Applicant Profile
    a. Explain why you are wanting to participate in this program as a Champion.
    b. Explain why you believe Teaching with AI is important for educators and future teachers and include summary of your past projects for AI on an institution campus.

Example:

Application for Champion Approval	
Applicant Details	
Name of the Applicant	*John Smith*
Applicant Position	*Health Science Librarian*
Applicant Contact Information	*john.smith@institution.ca*
Name of the Institution	*List the institution*
Name of the Educational Department	*Faculty of Health Sciences*
Applicant Profile	
Explain why you want to participate in this program as a **Champion**.	
(*maximum 250 wordcount*)	
E Explain why you believe Teaching with AI is important for educators and future teachers and include summary of your past projects for AI on an institution campus.	
(*maximum 250 wordcount*)	

AI Champion Timelines:

AI Champion Application and Stipend Award Timeline	
Sep. 2 – 12	Comms posts Expression of Interest on the website
Sep. 15	Champion Application Acceptance Opens
Sep. 29	Champion Application Acceptance Closes
Oct. 1-6	Champion Application Approval Process

Oct. 7	Champion Notified of Acceptance
Oct. 20	Champion Onboarding sessions FR and EN
Oct. 27	**Micro-credential Launch**
Oct. 27 – Nov 28	Facilitate discussion board activities; lead and respond to the conversations, review activities and assessments and report progress to issue badges, ensure that participants complete the module survey
Nov. 12	Submits feedback report for changes for module 1
Nov. 21	Submits feedback report for changes for module 2
Dec. 3	Submits feedback report for changes for module 3
Nov. 13 - Dec. 17	Review proposed changes
Nov. 13 - Dec 5	Analysis of Summary Reports
Dec. 18	Champion Stipend Recipients Notified
Dec. 18 – Jan. 19, 202	Finance manages the payment request and follow up with participant questions regarding the payments
Jan. 19, 2026	Stipend Awarded

Teaching with AI Eligibility
- Employed within an educational department as faculty (including contract faculty) or support staff at an Ontario publicly-assisted Indigenous institution, college or university
- Application Submission Requirements
  - o No late submissions will be accepted
  - o Email submissions only
  - o Be sure to complete the submission in its entirety
- Demonstrate a commitment to complete the required tasks

Technical Requirements
As a Teaching with AI, ensuring all participating parties have reliable access to:
- A computer
- A high-speed Internet connection
- A professional/personal Microsoft Teams account

Participation
As a Teaching with AI Champion you will:
- Agree to the applicant responsibilities
- Follow the application guidelines and submit a complete application
- Agree to complete the required tasks
- Agree to the expectations set forth in the timeline
- Meet the eligibility criteria
- Meet the technical requirements for participation
- Provide consent through an eCampusOntario provided media release to be profiled as a Teaching with AI Champion on the eCampusOntario website/social media channels

Expression of Interest Instructions
Submit an expression of interest application by email to learn@ecampusontario.ca **no later than 11:59pm on September 29, 2025**. Successful Champions will be notified by **October 7, 2025**.

Equity, Decolonization, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement
The current social context informs our work. This includes the imperative to join the fight against anti-Black racism and anti-BIPOC racism, and to support Equity, Decolonization, Diversity, and Inclusion in everything we do. We will seize this moment to rebuild and support an environment that prioritizes inclusion, representation, and voice.

Accessibility Statement
In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), eCampusOntario is committed to accommodating applicants with disabilities throughout the Teaching with AI Champion acquisition process. If you require any accommodations at any point during the Teaching with AI Champion acquisition process, please contact learn@ecampusontario.ca.

Submission Templates

Teaching with AI Champion Application

Teaching with AI Champion Application	
Applicant Details	
Name of the Applicant	
Applicants Position	
Applicants Contact Information	
Name of the Institution	
Name of the Educational Department	
Name of Department Head	
Department Head Contact Information	
Applicant Profile	
Explain why you want to participate in this program as a Champion.	
(*maximum 250 wordcount*)	

Explain why you believe Teaching with AI is important for educators and future teachers.

(*maximum 250 wordcount*)