

Join us for the next event in the Grad-AI Exchange Series:

AI at MTSU: Opportunities, Responsibilities, and Data Protection

A Forum on Responsible AI Use

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

2:00–3:00 p.m., Applied Engineering Building (AEB) 102

Open to all MTSU faculty, staff, and administrators

RSVP to attend

Artificial intelligence is transforming how we teach, work, and make decisions across higher education. As AI becomes part of our everyday work, understanding how to use it effectively and responsibly while protecting institutional and personal data is more important than ever. Join university leaders for an interactive town hall exploring the opportunities, responsibilities, and practical considerations of AI use at MTSU.

Featured Speakers and Topics

The event will begin with opening remarks from Dr. Mark Byrnes, University Provost, followed by a moderated discussion featuring leaders from Information Technology, Business and Finance, and Academic Affairs.

- Yvette Clark, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

Topic: Data classification, ethical AI use, ITD's efforts to support responsible AI adoption, and the upcoming Canvas training course and attestation process.

- Dr. Rudy Dunlap, 2026-2027 Provost Faculty Fellow and Professor, Department of Sport and Hospitality Management

Topic: MTSU's broader AI initiatives, including the pilot involving 150 AI licenses, future funding considerations, and opportunities to support faculty and staff.

- Drew Harpool, Vice President for Business and Finance

Topic: Risks associated with sharing sensitive institutional data, practical considerations for AI use in university operations, and future plans.

- Dr. Tyler Henson, Assistant Vice Provost for Registration and Student Records and University Registrar

Topic: Data ownership, FERPA, and practical guidance on what information can and cannot be shared with AI tools.

Dr. Sam Zaza, Associate Professor of Information Systems and Analytics and Faculty Fellow for Innovation, will moderate the discussion and facilitate an audience Q&A.

Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance. The questions will help shape the conversation and ensure the discussion addresses the issues that matter most to our campus community. Questions can be submitted using this form by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10.

This event is presented in collaboration with the Provost's Office, the Center for Teaching and Mentoring (CTM), and the AI Community of Practice.