



Student life in an age of populism,  
**technological change** and geopolitical tension

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HEPI

# AI is accelerating change in HE globally



95%

of students admitted to using AI, an increase on 92% from the 2025 survey



94%

of students said that they use AI to support their assessments



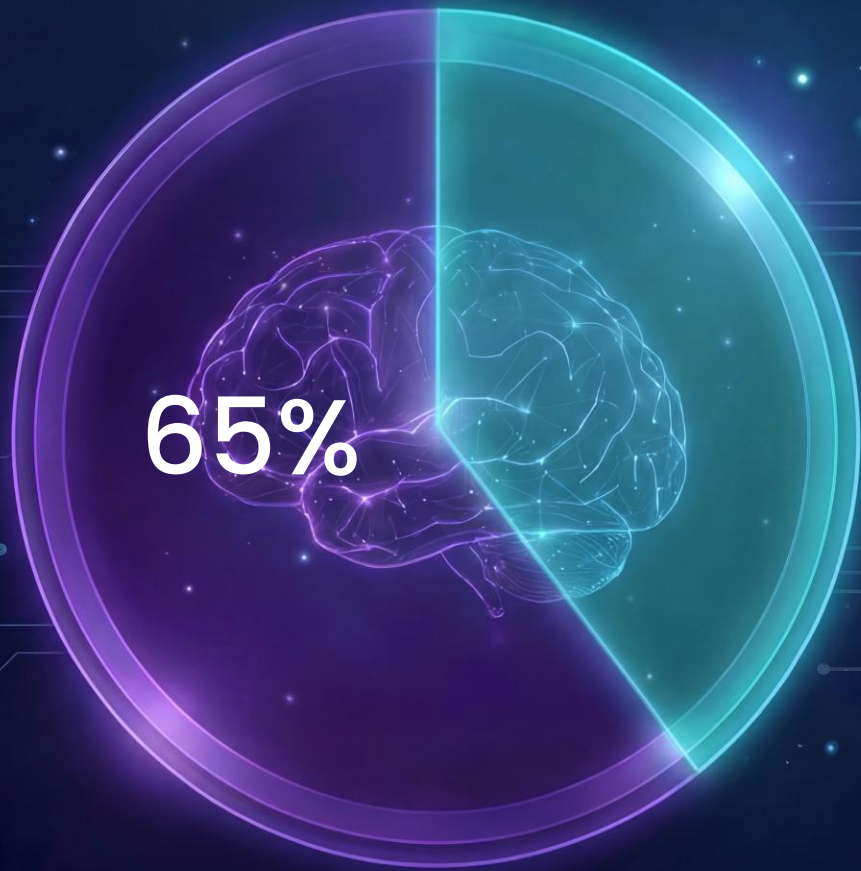
36%

of students felt their university actively encouraged AI use



68%

of students feel AI skills are essential for workplace success in 2026



65% of students say their assessments have already changed because of AI, and universities are increasingly designing coursework that tests how students use AI.

# 5 HEPI recommendations for institutions

1. Provide **structured AI induction** and transition support for all students.
2. Consider **revamping** curricula to explicitly teach AI knowledge and skills, at both the general and subject-specific levels.
3. Publish **clear, accessible and assessment-specific guidance** on AI use.
4. Ensure the **AI tools necessary** or advantageous for course content or assessment are **accessible to all students**.
5. Ensure **staff have access to AI training** – and the time to invest in developing their own skills.

# Priorities for institutions

Across global research from Gartner, EDUCAUSE, Jisc, WonkHE, HoloniQ, McKinsey, HEPI, institutions share four urgent priorities:

1. AI strategy and governance
2. Data modernisation and interoperability
3. Digital experience transformation for students and staff
4. Workforce enablement and operational efficiency

# A data-led approach driving results for 30+ universities

Aggregation and codification of data to enhance continuation, wellbeing and outcomes



Azure cloud migration – data first then AI



To truly unleash the power of AI

**Context is everything** - your institutional data allied with student engagement patterns and behaviours provides the context!



# How do you navigate across models to optimise cost?

Legend: Open-Weight Models Closed Models

## Google

- Gemini 2.0 Flash
- Gemini 2.0 Pro
- Gemini 2.0 Flash-Lite
- ShieldGemma 2
- Gemini Robotics
- Gemma 3 4B
- Gemma 3 1B
- Gemma 3 12B
- Gemma 3 27B
- Gemini 2.5 Pro
- Gemini 2.5 Pro Deep Think
- Gemma 3n E2B
- Gemma 3n E4B
- MedGemma 4B
- MedGemma 27B
- Gemini 2.5 Flash
- Gemini 2.5 Flash-Lite
- Gemini 2.5 Flash Image
- Gemma 3 270M
- EmbeddingGemma 308M
- VaultGemma 1B
- Gemini 3 Pro
- Gemini 3 Deep Think
- Gemini 3 Flash
- T5Gemma v2
- FunctionGemma 270M

## IBM

- Granite 3.2 8B-Instruct
- Granite 4.0 Tiny
- Granite 4.0
- Granite 4.0 Nano 350M
- Granite 4.0 Nano 1.5B

## Apple

- Apple Foundation Model (AFM) On-Device
- Apple Foundation Model (AFM) Server

## OpenAI

- o3-mini
- GPT-4.5 (Orion)
- o1-pro
- gpt-4o-transcribe
- gpt-4o-mini-transcribe
- gpt-4o-mini-tts
- GPT-4.1
- GPT-4.1 Mini
- GPT-4.1 Nano
- o4-mini
- o3-pro
- o3-deep-research
- o4-mini-deep-research
- GPT-OSS-120B
- GPT-OSS-20B
- GPT-5
- GPT-5 Mini
- GPT-5 Nano
- GPT-5 Pro
- GPT-5.2 Instant
- GPT-5.2 Pro
- GPT-5.2 Thinking

## MiniMax

- MiniMax-Text-01
- MiniMax-VL-01
- MiniMax-M1-40K
- MiniMax-M1-80K
- MiniMax-M2
- MiniMax-M2.1

## NVIDIA

- TDT 0.6B v2
- Nemotron 2
- Nemotron 3 Nano
- Nemotron 3 Super
- Nemotron 3 Ultra

## xAI

- Grok 3
- Grok 3 mini
- Aurora
- Grok 4
- Grok 4 Heavy
- grok-code-fast-1
- Grok 4 Fast
- Grok 4.1
- Grok 4.1 Fast

## Hugging Face

- SmoLLM3 3B

## Moondream

- Moondream 3

## Naver

- HyperCLOVA X THINK

## StepFun

- Step-Audio-EditX 3B

## Tencent

- Hunyuan3D

## Yandex

- Alice AI LLM 1.0

## AI21 Labs

- Jamba 1.6
- Jamba 1.7 Mini
- Jamba 1.7 Large
- Jamba Reasoning 3B

## Anthropic

- Claude 3.7 Sonnet
- Claude Opus 4
- Claude Sonnet 4
- Claude Opus 4.1
- Claude Sonnet 4.5
- Claude Haiku 4.5
- Claude Opus 4.5

## Moonshot AI

- Kimi K1.5
- Kimi K2-Base
- Kimi K2-Instruct
- Kimi-K2-Instruct-0905
- Kimi Linear
- Kimi K2 Thinking

## Zhipu AI

- GLM-4-32B-0414
- GLM-Z1-32B-0414
- GLM-4-9B-0414
- GLM-Z1-9B
- GLM-Z1-Rumination-32B-0414
- GLM-4.1V-9B-Thinking
- GLM-4.1V-Thinking
- GLM-4.5
- GLM-4.5-Air
- GLM-4.5V
- GLM-4.6V
- GLM-4.6V-Flash
- GLM-4.7

## Meta AI

- Llama 4 Scout
- Llama 4 Maverick
- Llama 4 Scout Instruct
- Llama 4 Maverick Instruct

## Alibaba

- Qwen2.5-VL-3B-Instruct
- Qwen2.5-VL-7B-Instruct
- Qwen2.5-VL-72B-Instruct
- Qwen2.5-Max
- QwQ-32B
- Qwen2.5-VL-32B-Instruct
- Qwen2.5-Omni-7B
- Qwen3-0.6B
- Qwen3-4B
- Qwen3-14B
- Qwen3-30B-A3B
- Qwen3-1.7B
- Qwen3-8B
- Qwen3-32B
- Qwen3-235B-A22B
- Qwen2.5-Omni-3B
- Qwen3-4B-Instruct-2507
- Qwen3-30B-A3B-Thinking-2507
- Qwen3-235B-A22B-Thinking-2507
- Qwen3-30B-A3B-Instruct-2507
- Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-2507
- Qwen3-Coder-480B-A35B-Instruct
- Qwen3-Max
- Qwen3-Next-80B-A3B-Instruct
- Qwen3-Next-80B-A3B-Thinking
- Qwen3-Omni
- Qwen3-VL-235B-A22B-Instruct
- Qwen3-VL-235B-A22B-Thinking
- Qwen3-VL-32B
- Qwen3Guard-8B
- Qwen3Guard-4B

## ByteDance

- Doubao-1.5-pro-32k
- Doubao-1.5-lite-32k
- Seed-Coder
- Seed-OSS 36B

## Mistral AI

- Mistral Saba
- Mistral Small 3.1
- Devstral Small
- Mistral Medium 3
- Mistral Small 3.2
- Magistral Medium
- Magistral Small
- Devstral Medium
- Voxtral Small
- Voxtral Mini
- Mistral Medium 3.1
- Codestral 2508
- Mistral Large 3
- Ministral 3B Base
- Ministral 3B Reasoning
- Mistral Large 3 Base
- Ministral 3B Instruct
- Ministral 8B Base
- Ministral 8B Instruct
- Ministral 14B Base
- Ministral 14B Reasoning
- Devstral Small 2
- Ministral 8B Reasoning
- Ministral 14B Instruct
- Devstral 2

## Cohere

- Command A
- Aya Vision 8B
- Aya Vision 32B
- Command A Translate
- Command A Reasoning

## Allen AI

- OLMo 3 7B
- OLMo 3 32B

## Nous Research

- Hermes 4 14B
- Hermes 4 70B

## DeepSeek

- DeepSeek-R1
- DeepSeek-R1-Zero
- DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-Series
- DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-Series
- Janus-Pro-1B
- Janus-Pro-7B
- DeepSeek-V3-0324
- DeepSeek-Prover-V2-671B
- DeepSeek-Prover-V2 7B
- DeepSeek-R1-0528
- DeepSeek-R1-0528-Qwen3
- DeepSeek-V3.1
- DeepSeek-V3.1-Terminus
- DeepSeek-V3.2-Exp
- DeepSeekMath-V2
- DeepSeek-V3.2

## Microsoft

- Phi-4-multimodal
- Phi-4-mini
- Phi-4-reasoning
- Phi-4-reasoning-plus
- Phi-4-mini-reasoning
- Phi-4-mini-flash-reasoning

## Amazon

- Amazon Nova Act
- Amazon Nova Sonic
- Amazon Nova Premier
- Amazon Nova 2 Pro
- Amazon Nova 2 Omni

## Reka AI

- Reka Flash Nexus
- Reka Flash 3.1
- Reka Research

# Universities are beginning to **invest at scale**

**Kortext IQ**

**LearnWise**

 **StudyStash**

**Anara**

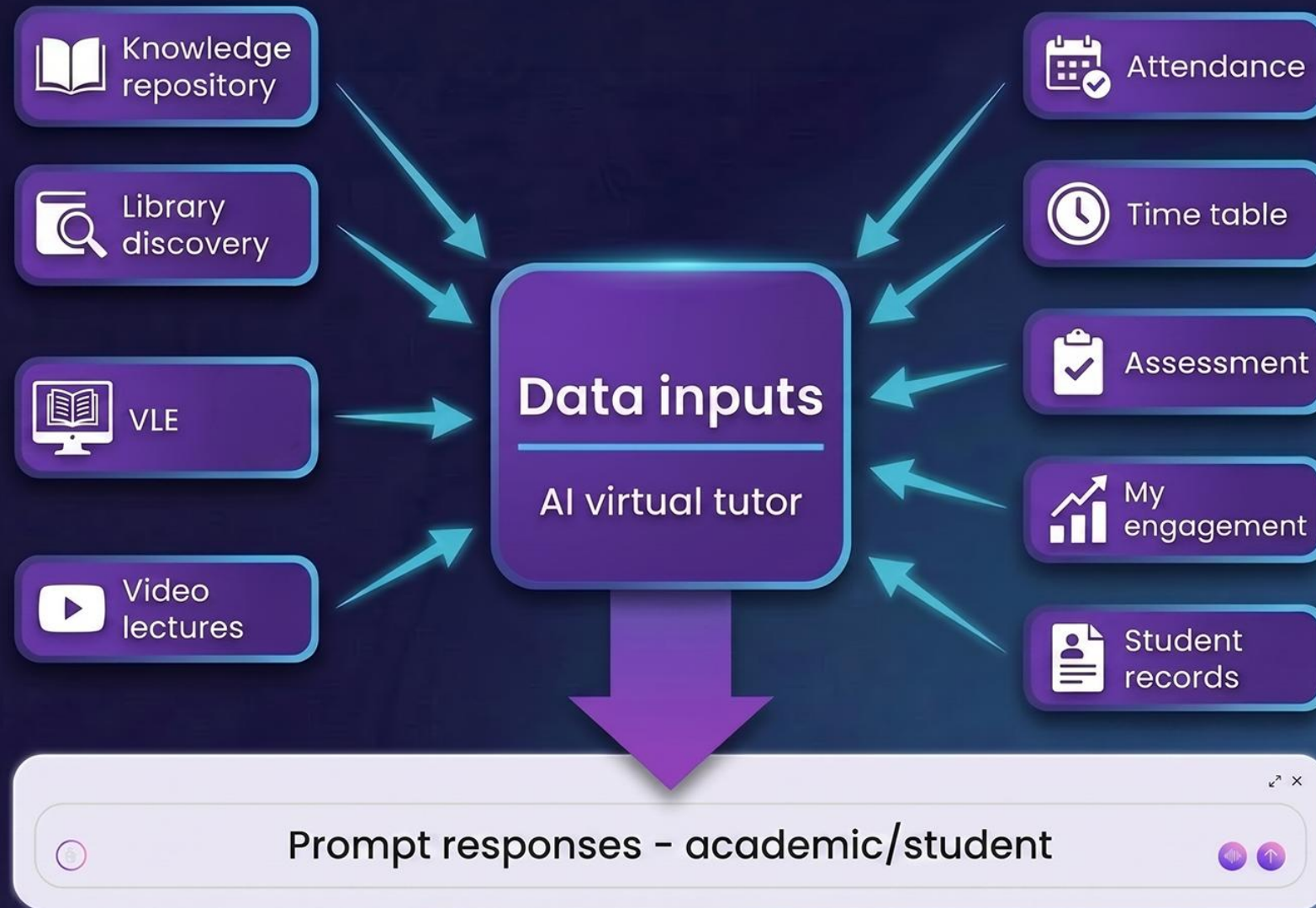
 **Gemini**

 **Copilot**

 **OpenAI**

**ANTHROPIC**

# Interoperability delivers a personalised experience



# Kortext IQ

Leveraging interoperability to deliver a  
personalised learning experience