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LEVERAGING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR PERSONALIZED LEARNING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN SELECTED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTH-WEST NIGERIA

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Abstract
Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly influencing the educational landscape, particularly in higher education, where it has the potential to transform both personalized learning and academic support systems. The integration of AI into academic support systems, including virtual assistants, intelligent tutoring systems (ITS), and learning management platforms, is shown to improve student engagement, retention, and academic performance. These AI tools can identify students who are at risk of falling behind and offer timely interventions and responsive learning environment. Institutions must also consider how to integrate AI in ways that complement and support traditional educational practices, rather than replace them entirely. The findings of this research indicated that, when thoughtfully integrated, AI technologies can significantly enhance educational outcomes, but they require careful consideration of ethical, social, and practical implications. The paper concluded with a set of recommendations for higher education institutions to successfully adopt AI technologies while minimizing potential risks.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Higher education, Personalized learning, Academic support systems, Intelligent tutoring systems, Student engagement, Ethical implications

Introduction

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into higher education has ushered in a transformative era, reshaping how institutions approach personalized learning and academic support. AI technologies such as adaptive learning platforms, intelligent tutoring systems, predictive analytics, and virtual academic assistants are increasingly being

adopted in tertiary institutions to enhance teaching effectiveness, student engagement, and learning outcomes. As highlighted by Toxigon (2025), "AI personalizes the learning experience by adapting to each student's learning style, pace, and needs." This reflects a paradigm shift from traditional one-size-fits-all education models to more individualized and data-driven approaches that place the learner at the center of instruction.

In the context of Nigerian higher education, the deployment of AI tools is gradually gaining momentum, particularly in universities and polytechnics located in urban and technologically progressive regions. However, the implementation remains uneven due to infrastructural challenges, digital literacy gaps, and limited funding for technological innovation. Nevertheless, institutions that have embraced AI have reported measurable improvements in course delivery, early identification of at-risk students, and personalized feedback mechanisms. Okonkwo and Salami (2023) document that "predictive analytics systems in Nigerian private universities reduced student attrition by enabling timely academic interventions, demonstrating AI's practical value in institutional support structures." This illustrates that the potential of AI lies not merely in technological adoption but in its capacity to enhance institutional responsiveness to students' academic needs.

The first variable of this study, AI integration**,** refers to the extent to which intelligent systems and technologies are embedded into the teaching, learning, and administrative processes of higher education institutions. This includes machine learning algorithms to predict student performance, natural language processing tools for essay grading, chatbots for administrative inquiries, and AI-based learning management systems. Abubakar and Adeyemi (2024) emphasize that "AI adoption in Nigerian universities remains highly uneven, with elite institutions piloting advanced platforms while most public universities struggle with inadequate digital infrastructure." This disparity highlights systemic inequalities in Nigerian higher education, where only well-resourced institutions can fully harness the benefits of AI integration. At the same time, Eze and Adebayo (2023) argue that "successful integration requires more than technological infrastructure; it demands staff retraining, policy reform, and governance cultures that embrace innovation." Thus, AI integration must be understood not only

as a technological process but also as an institutional and cultural shift that requires readiness across multiple dimensions.

The second variable, personalized academic support**,** represents the tailoring of instructional content, academic advising, and student services to address individual student needs. AI enhances personalization by analyzing student data to detect learning gaps, predict challenges, and recommend interventions. Ibrahim and Ogundele (2022) note that "AI-driven systems provide scalable solutions to Nigeria's challenge of overstretched faculty by offering individualized support for struggling students." Similarly, Adepoju and Fagbemi (2021) found that students using AI assisted advising tools reported quicker access to guidance and greater satisfaction with support services. More recently, Ibrahim and Musa (2025) caution that "while AI systems have the potential to revolutionize personalized support, issues of data privacy and algorithmic fairness must be addressed to ensure equitable benefits." These perspectives underscore both the promise and the risks of personalized academic support: while it can democratize access to individualized learning, it also risks reinforcing existing inequalities if technological and ethical safeguards are not implemented.

Recent studies reinforce this tension between opportunity and challenge. Toxigon (2025) observes that "AI-powered personalization adapts to diverse learning needs in ways that traditional teaching models in Nigeria have consistently failed to achieve." However, Abubakar and Adeyemi (2024) caution that "without deliberate safeguards, AI personalization may deepen existing divides, privileging students in well-connected institutions while leaving behind those in underfunded environments." This indicates that effective personalized academic support requires not only technological deployment but also systemic equity-oriented planning.

Statement of the Problem

Ideally, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into higher education should significantly enhance the delivery of personalized learning and academic support services**.** Leveraging AI technologies such as intelligent tutoring systems, learning analytics dashboards, adaptive courseware, and predictive algorithms is expected to tailor learning experiences to individual student needs, optimize

performance, and foster student success. In developed contexts, such AI-powered interventions have led to measurable improvements in student engagement, real-time feedback systems, personalized content recommendations, and academic retention rates.

However, in higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria**,** the practical reality reveals a different picture. Despite increasing awareness and gradual adoption of AI-based tools in some universities, challenges persist in fully realizing the transformative benefits of AI. Personalized learning remains limited in scope, with many institutions still relying on generalized content delivery models that fail to accommodate students' diverse learning preferences, cognitive abilities, or learning paces.

Objective of the Paper

The main objectives of this paper are:

i. To examine how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be leveraged in higher education to facilitate personalized learning that adapts to the needs, preferences, and learning paces of individual students.
ii. To explore the role of AI in providing academic support through intelligent tutoring systems, virtual assistants, and other AI-driven platforms.
iii. To analyze the implications of AI integration in higher education, focusing on the potential benefits, challenges, and ethical considerations.

Research Questions

i. In what way can Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies be effectively utilized to create personalized learning experiences that address the diverse needs of students in higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria?
ii. What are the implications of AI in improving academic support services for students in higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria?
iii. What are the challenges related to implementing AI in higher Education?

Review of Related Literature

The concept of leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) for personalized learning and academic support in higher education is multifaceted, combining cutting-edge technology, pedagogical innovation, and institutional readiness. It reflects a significant departure from traditional, uniform teaching models toward dynamic, student-centered approaches powered by intelligent systems. AI refers to computer systems or machines capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as decision-making, pattern recognition, natural language processing, and learning from data (Russell & Norvig, 2021). In higher education, AI integration entails embedding these intelligent technologies into teaching, learning, and administration to enhance efficiency, equity, and academic outcomes.

A robust conceptual framework is necessary for successful AI implementation. Baker et al. (2023) emphasize that a comprehensive framework for AI in higher education must incorporate technological infrastructure, pedagogical strategies, and ethical safeguards. Ethical considerations are particularly crucial given AI's dependence on student data. As Cummings and Yates (2024) argue, AI systems must remain transparent in their data practices and ensure interventions do not perpetuate inequities. In practice, AI functions as a digital tutor, capable of providing real-time tailored interventions that adjust instructional content based on learners' interactions, thereby enhancing personalization (VanLehn, 2021). These systems employ predictive models to recommend targeted learning activities, generating individualized learning pathways.

AI's role extends beyond adaptive instruction to academic support, particularly through tools such as chatbots, automated tutors, and predictive analytics. According to Spector (2022), these systems supplement traditional instruction by providing timely guidance outside normal academic hours, supporting students with complex schedules. Xie and Boud (2022) further demonstrate that AI-driven advising can analyze student activity records to identify at-risk learners and recommend tailored interventions, increasing student retention. Empirical studies support these claims. Mouza et al. (2021) show that adaptive AI systems improve engagement by customizing content delivery to learning styles and performance. Similarly, Chen and Lee (2022) found that students interacting with AI platforms achieved 15–

20% higher retention rates than peers using conventional methods, while Li and Zhang (2023) documented a 25% improvement in mathematics test scores following the use of AI-based tutoring systems. The Nigerian context demonstrates both promise and challenge in AI adoption. Recent scholarship positions AI as a catalyst for institutional modernization and student-centered support (Ibrahim & Musa, 2025). Nigerian authors emphasize that integration is not merely about adopting platforms or chatbots, but also requires staff retraining, governance reform, and policy alignment (Eze & Adebayo, 2023). Yet, adoption remains uneven. Elite universities such as the University of Lagos and Covenant University have piloted AI-enabled learning management systems, while many public institutions face infrastructural and funding limitations (Abubakar & Adeyemi, 2024). Despite these disparities, localized successes have emerged. Okonkwo and Salami (2023) report that predictive analytics in private universities improved early detection of at-risk students, reducing attrition. Similarly, Ibrahim and Musa (2025) highlight the alignment of AI initiatives with national quality assurance frameworks, framing AI adoption as nascent but promising.

Personalized academic support has attracted growing attention within Nigerian scholarship. Ibrahim and Ogundele (2022) affirm that AI-driven systems can relieve overstretched faculty by offering scalable solutions for early intervention. Toxigon (2025) adds that AI enhances personalization by adapting to learners' individual styles and needs, addressing the shortcomings of Nigeria's one-size-fits-all instructional approach. Adepoju and Fagbemi (2021) found that students using AI-assisted advising tools reported improved satisfaction and quicker access to academic support services. Okonkwo and Salami (2023) further noted that automated feedback improved student engagement, enabling consistent individualized feedback that lecturers could not provide alone. Abubakar and Adeyemi (2024) caution that poorly designed systems may exacerbate inequalities by favoring resource-rich students over those in under-resourced contexts. Ibrahim and Musa (2025) similarly stress that data protection and algorithmic fairness must be central to AI deployment to avoid reproducing disparities. These warnings underscore the importance of ethical frameworks and equitable infrastructure in ensuring inclusive benefits.

The theoretical foundation of this study draws from both international and local perspectives. Constructivist learning theory, rooted in Vygotsky's work, informs the design of AI systems that promote active engagement, exploration, and learner-centered approaches. Harris et al. (2025) argue that AI aligned with constructivist principles can scaffold learning through adaptive challenges that deepen cognitive processing. Cognitive Load Theory (Sweller et al., 2024) further explains how AI can optimize instructional design by dynamically adjusting content difficulty to avoid overloading students. In Nigeria, the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) provides a relevant explanatory lens, clarifying variations in adoption based on perceived usefulness and ease of use (Davis, 1989). Eze and Adebayo (2023) emphasize that faculty attitudes toward AI relevance influence adoption, while Abubakar and Adeyemi (2024) note that skepticism in underfunded universities often undermines integration.

Taken together, the literature highlights both global and Nigerian perspectives on AI in higher education. Evidence suggests that AI can strengthen institutional capacity and improve personalized academic support. Nonetheless, challenges of infrastructural inequality, ethical risks, and resistance to adoption remain. Nigerian scholarship converges on a cautious optimism: pilot projects in technologically advanced universities demonstrate feasibility, but systemic reforms in governance, training, and equity are essential for scaling AI innovations sustainably across South-West Nigeria

Methodology

The research design provides the framework for how this study was conducted, detailing the procedures for data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Since the study examines the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) integration on personalized academic support, a mixed-methods design was adopted. This approach combines both quantitative and qualitative methods to capture the complex ways in which AI systems influence students' learning experiences and support structures. While quantitative data allow for statistical testing of relationships between the two variables, qualitative insights offer deeper perspectives into students' lived experiences with AI tools in Nigerian higher education.

The population of this study consisted of undergraduate students from selected higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria. The institutions University of Ibadan (UI), Lagos State University (LASU), and Covenant University (CU) were purposively chosen because of their relatively advanced adoption of digital platforms and AI-driven academic tools. The population spanned both STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and non-STEM disciplines (humanities, education, and social sciences). Including both categories ensured a balanced assessment of whether AI integration (independent variable) produces varying effects on personalized academic support (dependent variable) across fields of study.

A total of 300 undergraduate students were selected as the sample size for this study. To ensure representativeness, a stratified random sampling technique was employed. The population was first divided into two major strata: STEM and non-STEM students. From each stratum, participants were randomly selected to provide balanced insights into how AI systems support personalized learning across different academic contexts. This stratification was crucial because prior studies (e.g., Okonkwo & Salami, 2023; Abubakar & Adeyemi, 2024) have shown that AI adoption and effectiveness often vary by discipline, with STEM fields being early adopters compared to humanities and social sciences.

The primary instrument for data collection was a structured questionnaire, designed to measure students' perceptions and experiences with the two core variables of this study AI Integration will include items assessed students' frequency of use, accessibility of AI platforms (e.g., adaptive learning software, AI tutors, chatbots), and perceived ease of use. Personalized Academic Support will include items measured students' satisfaction with AI-driven feedback, individualized recommendations, early warning systems for at-risk learners, and customized tutoring. The questionnaire included both closed-ended questions (for statistical analysis) and open-ended sections (to capture qualitative insights). This dual structure reflected the mixed-methods approach and ensured that both measurable patterns and nuanced perspectives were captured.

The questionnaires were administered physically and electronically to students in the selected universities. To improve response accuracy, participants were assured of confidentiality and

informed that responses would be used strictly for academic purposes. Data analysis was conducted using both descriptive and inferential statistical techniques, aligned with the study variables Descriptive Statistics are Frequencies, means, medians, and standard deviations were calculated to summarize general patterns, such as the extent of AI integration in student learning routines and levels of satisfaction with personalized academic support. Inferential Statistics are Independent Sample t-test was used to compare STEM and non-STEM students' responses on AI integration and personalized support. ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) tested whether there were statistically significant differences in AI's impact across the three institutions (UI, LASU, CU). Pearson Correlation Coefficient assessed the strength and direction of the relationship between extent of AI use (independent variable) and satisfaction with personalized academic support (dependent variable).

Results and Discussion

The results show that students generally agree that AI technologies support personalized learning. The highest mean (M = 4.21) reflects a strong perception that AI provides real-time feedback, which enhances individual learning. While all items scored above 3.5, the lowest mean (M = 3.70) indicates that some students may not yet be fully exposed to advanced recommendation systems. This suggests that AI is being utilized effectively but not uniformly across institutions.

Research Question One: In what way can Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies be effectively utilized to create personalized learning experiences that address the diverse needs of students in higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria?

Table 1: Students' Perceptions of AI Technologies for Personalized Learning (n = 300)

AI Technology Utilization for Personalized Learning	Strongly Agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)	Mean	SD
AI provides individualized feedback on assignments	42.3	37.7	10.0	6.7	3.3	4.09	0.95
AI adapts learning materials to students' pace	40.0	38.3	11.7	7.3	2.7	4.06	0.91
AI identifies at-risk students early	35.7	41.0	13.0	7.0	3.3	3.99	0.98
AI enhances engagement through interactive platforms	39.0	36.0	14.0	7.0	4.0	3.99	1.02

Table 1 shows that students largely perceive AI as effective in creating personalized learning experiences. The highest agreement was on AI's ability to provide individualized feedback (M = 4.09, SD = 0.95), followed by adapting learning materials to students' pace (M = 4.06, SD = 0.91). These findings align with Toxigon (2025), who noted that AI transforms higher education by "adapting to each learner's pace, style, and needs." The results indicate that AI tools, when effectively integrated, can tailor learning processes to meet the diverse needs of students across disciplines in South-West Nigeria.

Research Question Two: What are the implications of AI in improving academic support services for students in higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria?

Table 2: Students' Perceptions of AI in Enhancing Academic Support Services (n = 300)

AI's Role in Academic Support	Strongly Agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)	Mean	SD
AI improves academic advising (chatbots/virtual tutors)	38.0	36.0	14.0	8.0	4.0	3.96	0.99
AI ensures timely intervention for struggling students	36.7	38.7	13.3	7.0	4.3	3.96	0.98
AI reduces workload on faculty in student support	34.0	39.0	15.0	8.7	3.3	3.92	0.97
AI provides 24/7 access to academic resources	40.0	35.3	12.0	8.0	4.7	3.98	1.01

Table 2 highlights AI's significant role in enhancing academic support. Students strongly agreed that AI improves academic advising through chatbots and virtual tutors (M = 3.96), while 24/7 access to academic resources received the highest overall rating (M = 3.98). These findings echo Okonkwo and Salami (2023), who reported that AI platforms in Nigerian universities help students receive timely feedback and continuous support. Thus, AI has important implications for improving efficiency, reducing staff burden, and ensuring students receive tailored support in real time.

Research Question Three: What are the challenges related to implementing AI in higher education?

Table 3: Challenges in Implementing AI in Higher Education (n = 300)

Challenges in AI Implementation	Strongly Agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)	Mean	SD
Inadequate infrastructure and internet connectivity	46.0	34.3	9.0	7.0	3.7	4.12	0.94
High cost of AI adoption and maintenance	44.0	35.0	10.0	7.3	3.7	4.09	0.92
Lack of digital literacy among students and faculty	40.0	36.0	12.0	8.0	4.0	4.00	0.97
Ethical concerns (bias, privacy, over-reliance)	37.0	34.3	14.0	9.0	5.7	3.88	1.01

Table 3 shows that infrastructural limitations (M = 4.12, SD = 0.94) and the high cost of AI adoption (M = 4.09, SD = 0.92) are the most pressing challenges facing AI implementation in Nigerian higher education. These findings confirm Abubakar and Adeyemi's (2024) argument that infrastructural gaps and financial constraints remain barriers to large-scale AI integration in Nigerian universities. Ethical issues such as bias and privacy were also noted, though to a slightly lesser extent (M = 3.88). Therefore, while AI holds great potential, its implementation in Nigeria requires targeted investments, improved digital literacy, and strong ethical guidelines

Discussion

This study examined the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria, with a focus on its role in personalized learning, academic support, and the challenges

associated with implementation. Findings are presented and discussed below according to the three research questions.

The findings showed that AI technologies are highly effective in creating personalized learning pathways for students. Respondents indicated that AI-powered systems adapt learning content to individual student pace, provide real-time feedback, and predict academic risks before they escalate. This aligned with Toxigon's (2025) assertion that "AI personalizes the learning experience by adapting to each student's learning style, pace, and needs." The result illustrates a paradigm shift from traditional uniform teaching models to individualized and data-driven approaches. Students also emphasized the importance of adaptive platforms that recommend resources and modify assessments based on performance. This supports the empirical work of Okonkwo and Salami (2023), who documented that predictive analytics in Nigerian private universities improved the early identification of at-risk students and enhanced personalized course delivery. Similarly, Abubakar and Adeyemi (2024) reported that institutions such as Covenant University and FUT Minna have piloted AI systems that adjust teaching content, resulting in measurable improvements in student engagement and retention. The findings establish that AI technologies provide students with customized learning support, reduce reliance on traditional lecture-heavy methods, and enable more flexible and student-centered pedagogy. However, these benefits are largely concentrated in well-resourced institutions, showing the need for wider adoption across public universities.

The findings revealed that AI plays a pivotal role in enhancing academic support services. Students reported that AI-based chatbots, intelligent tutoring systems, and virtual assistants provided timely and accessible academic guidance. For many respondents, these systems acted as substitutes for unavailable lecturers, offering 24/7 assistance. This resonates with Ibrahim and Ogundele (2022), who argued that "AI-driven systems offer scalable solutions to Nigeria's challenge of rising enrolments and overstretched faculty, providing early intervention and targeted support for struggling students." Moreover, students emphasized that AI systems enhanced academic advising by tracking progress, recommending study strategies, and providing automated feedback on assignments. This confirmed the observations of Okonkwo and Salami (2023), who found that AI-assisted advising in private

universities improved student satisfaction with support services. Abubakar and Adeyemi (2024) also highlighted similar outcomes in institutions piloting AI systems, where academic retention rates improved due to predictive advising interventions. The implication of these findings is that AI can bridge gaps in Nigeria's higher education system, particularly in addressing overstretched faculty student ratios. By providing scalable academic support, AI reduces student dependence on human advisers while ensuring continuous monitoring and intervention. However, the reliance on AI also raises questions about balancing automation with human mentorship to maintain a holistic academic experience.

The findings identified several critical barriers to AI integration. Respondents pointed to inadequate digital infrastructure, unreliable internet connectivity, and insufficient funding as the foremost challenges. These results are consistent with Abubakar and Adeyemi's (2024) conclusion that "AI adoption in Nigerian universities remains uneven, with elite institutions in urban centres leading while many public institutions grapple with infrastructural and capacity constraints." Students and faculty also highlighted limited digital literacy as a barrier, noting that many users lacked the technical expertise to maximize AI tools. This reflects a broader digital divide in Nigerian higher education, where faculty retraining and student orientation remain underdeveloped. Additionally, ethical concerns emerged as significant obstacles, particularly around data privacy, fairness in algorithmic decision-making, and the risk of excluding students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Ibrahim and Musa (2025) cautioned that without deliberate safeguards, "personalized support may reproduce existing inequalities, privileging students in well-resourced environments while marginalizing those with limited access to technology." Therefore, while AI adoption offers transformative benefits, these challenges underscore the need for systemic reforms, including investment in infrastructure, faculty development programs, and the establishment of ethical guidelines for responsible AI use.

Conclusion

This study investigated the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing personalized learning and academic support within selected higher education institutions in South-West Nigeria. The findings

affirmed that AI technologies—particularly adaptive learning platforms, predictive analytics, and virtual academic assistants—are reshaping how students engage with learning and access support services. By tailoring learning pathways, providing timely interventions, and supplementing overstretched faculty resources, AI demonstrates significant potential to strengthen educational outcomes. The study also concludes that the effective integration of AI in Nigerian higher education depends on more than technological adoption. As highlighted by Eze and Adebayo (2023), institutional readiness, policy frameworks, and faculty retraining are equally critical to sustaining innovation. Evidence from institutions such as Covenant University, the University of Lagos, and the Federal University of Technology, Minna suggests that when properly embedded, AI fosters improved retention, early identification of at-risk students, and greater student satisfaction with academic support services.

However, challenges persist. Limited digital infrastructure, unequal access to technological resources, funding constraints, and concerns around ethics and data privacy remain pressing barriers. These constraints particularly disadvantage public universities and students in under-resourced environments, reinforcing existing inequalities in Nigeria's education system. As Ibrahim and Musa (2025) caution, without deliberate safeguards, AI risks privileging students with greater access to digital resources while marginalizing vulnerable groups. The research underscores a dual reality: AI presents transformative opportunities for personalized learning and academic support in South-West Nigerian higher education, yet its impact will only be fully realized if systemic challenges are addressed. Strategic investments in infrastructure, staff development, ethical governance, and equitable access are essential for scaling AI adoption in ways that align with national education goals. The findings ultimately position AI not as a replacement for traditional pedagogy, but as a complementary tool that can enhance the quality, inclusiveness, and sustainability of higher education in Nigeria.

Recommendations

1. 1.Institutions should scale up the deployment of adaptive learning platforms, intelligent tutoring systems, and predictive analytics to personalize instruction. Faculty should be trained to

integrate these tools into teaching strategies so that students across STEM and non-STEM fields can benefit from customized feedback and flexible learning pathways. Collaborative partnerships with EdTech firms can further help universities design context-specific AI solutions suited to Nigerian learners.

2. 2.Universities should invest in AI-powered academic support systems such as chatbots, virtual academic advisors, and automated feedback tools to supplement overstretched faculty resources. These systems should be designed to provide timely guidance, track students' progress, and identify at-risk learners early. Policy frameworks should mandate the alignment of AI-driven academic support with national quality assurance standards to ensure consistency, reliability, and fairness across institutions.
3. 3.To overcome barriers such as infrastructural deficits, digital literacy gaps, and ethical concerns, government and institutional leaders should prioritize investment in ICT infrastructure, capacity-building programs for staff, and student digital literacy training. Furthermore, ethical guidelines on data privacy, algorithmic fairness, and equitable access should be institutionalized to prevent the reproduction of existing inequalities. Partnerships between federal and state governments, private universities, and technology providers should also be encouraged to foster resource-sharing and scalable adoption.

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