# Oxford first in UK to offer ChatGPT Edu to all students and staff



The University of Oxford has become the first UK institution to provide ChatGPT Edu—a dedicated educational version of the AI tool—to all its students and staff. The launch follows a successful year-long pilot involving 750 participants, including academics, researchers, postgraduates and professional services staff across the university.

This development forms part of a wider five-year collaboration with OpenAI aimed at embedding AI into teaching, learning and research. The partnership includes access to research grants and enterprise-level data security, ensuring university data is retained within Oxford’s own systems. As part of the initiative, sections of the Bodleian Library’s public collection will be digitised to support AI-driven research.

ChatGPT Edu offers enhanced privacy and usability features designed for academic environments. During the pilot, the system was tested across a broad range of academic settings to ensure it met the university’s high standards for security and functionality.

Professor Anne Trefethen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Digital, called the launch “an exciting step in our ongoing process of digital transformation.” Jayna Devani, International Education Lead, said the initiative “sets a new standard for how AI can enrich higher education,” positioning Oxford at the forefront of responsible AI adoption.

Extensive training and support will accompany the rollout. Staff and students will receive resources to develop essential AI skills and promote responsible, critical use in research and coursework. The approach aims to foster balanced engagement with generative AI and reinforce ethical practices.

Staff will be able to use AI tools to enhance study and research, while students will be guided on how to integrate generative AI responsibly into their academic work. The integration is expected to accelerate research and support personalised learning across disciplines.

Oxford’s AI & Machine Learning Competency Centre will lead the ongoing development of the programme, providing discounted licences and ensuring continued oversight of data protection measures. The university will monitor usage throughout the year, refining training and support based on user feedback. By embracing AI while upholding rigorous academic standards, Oxford aims to set a benchmark for innovation in UK higher education.

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3. <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/news/2025-09-24-chatgpt-edu-available-all-students> - Starting this academic year, all students at the University of Oxford will have access to free, individual ChatGPT Edu accounts. These accounts are designed to meet appropriate privacy and security standards for those wishing to explore generative AI while at Oxford. Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the university’s guidance on safe and responsible use before activating their accounts. Additional information, including details of training and support, will be provided at the start of term. ([ox.ac.uk](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/news/2025-09-24-chatgpt-edu-available-all-students?utm_source=openai))
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