

Declaration of AI Humanism

A Humanist Tradition for the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Humanity is expanding the range of what it can know, create, analyze, and accomplish with artificial intelligence.

Expanding these capabilities changes the conditions under which people learn, exercise judgment, build institutions, create knowledge, communicate ideas, and pursue human purposes.

AI Humanism is grounded in confidence in human potential. It draws from the Renaissance humanist tradition, which understood human capability as cultivable. Through scholarship, rhetoric, history, interpretation, education, and civic participation, humanists sought to develop people capable of understanding their world and acting meaningfully within it.

Artificial intelligence renews that humanist project for a new age. Humanity gains new opportunities to extend its own capabilities as machines increasingly generate language, synthesize knowledge, support reasoning, create new forms of expression, and participate in execution.

The central question is:

What can human beings become in an age of capable machines?

AI Humanism pursues that question through four commitments.

Human Agency. Artificial intelligence should enlarge the domain over which people can form purposes, exercise judgment, make consequential choices, and act.

Delegate execution while preserving human authorship.

Institutional Integrity. Human beings extend their capabilities through institutions. As work moves across people and machines, institutions must preserve coherent authority, responsibility, and accountability.

Execution can move. Accountability remains.

Knowledge Stewardship. Artificial intelligence makes information and sophisticated analysis increasingly abundant. The humanist task is to convert that abundance into deeper understanding, broader access to knowledge, and stronger human judgment.

Use intelligent machines to expand what humanity knows and deepen humanity's capacity to understand.

Governed Intelligence. Intelligent systems increasingly translate human purposes into action. Their execution should remain connected to clear mandates, meaningful evidence, and the capacity for correction.

Delegated intelligence should remain directed, observable, and revisable.

These commitments share a single conviction:

The advancement of machine capability can become an engine for the advancement of human and institutional capability.

AI Humanism joins scholarship with human formation.

The AI age requires people who reason independently, understand technology, evaluate evidence, communicate clearly, exercise judgment, and contribute knowledge to the institutions and communities through which they act.

AI Humanism carries the ideal of the scholar-citizen into the age of artificial intelligence: a person who seeks understanding and brings that understanding into professional, institutional, intellectual, and civic life.

Artificial intelligence can widen the frontier of human possibility. AI Humanism asks: can

- more people participate in sophisticated forms of creation and discovery?
- expertise become more accessible?
- individuals accomplish work once possible only through large organizations?
- institutions become more capable, adaptive, and intelligent?
- abundant machine intelligence allow human beings to devote greater attention to judgment, imagination, relationships, discovery, and purpose?

These are questions of human development.

AI Humanism approaches them with inquiry, confidence, and ambition.

We affirm:

- the cultivability of human capability.
- scholarship, judgment, and intellectual independence.
- institutions capable of combining intelligence with accountability.
- knowledge as a human inheritance to be expanded and shared.
- the responsible delegation of intelligence.
- rhetoric, interpretation, and civic participation as practices of human development.
- an open-ended view of human potential.

Artificial intelligence changes the conditions under which humanity develops.

Human beings will shape what they become within these conditions.

What will you become?

AI Humanism begins with that question.

The humanist project continues.