

## Connecting Education and Industry Through Real-World AI Experience

The National IT Innovation Center (NITIC), the NSF ATE national center for Information Technology, invites IT community college faculty in our network to participate in the Faculty AI Job Shadowing program. By partnering with companies actively leveraging AI, faculty will gain firsthand experience that informs curriculum development, enhances student preparedness, and strengthens industry-academic collaboration.

### Program Snapshot

- **Duration:** 80 hours total
- **Flexible Timeline:** May 1 - August 31, 2026
- **Host Company:** Identified by faculty member
- **Format:** On-site preferred; hybrid or remote options allowed
- **Stipend:** No cost to the college or host company; \$5,000 stipends from NITIC
- **Activities:** Observation, team meetings, project reviews, curriculum discussions

### Benefits to Faculty Member & College

- Firsthand exposure to AI tools, workflows, and decision-making processes
- Strengthen curriculum relevance
- Build industry partnerships



**Applications Due: February 2, 2026**

