What’s all this talk about ChatGPT?

ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence (AI) language-generating tool that can create essays, papers, procedures, scripts, etc. based on the requirements given by the user. During this research period of the tool, it is free from its creator, Open AI, and is available [here](#). It is easy to create an account and start submitting requests for written pieces.

Check out this [brief description of how instructors can use the tool](#), from instructor, Gabrielle Ladner-Mejia. UCR University Extension will be exploring best practices for instructors, sharing these and providing training on the use of AI tools.

Our new syllabus template with language about options for use of ChatGPT/AI in your course(s) has been added to our website. Find it in the [Instructor Community in Canvas](#).

In Pursuit of Digital Badges

A badge is an indicator of a skill or accomplishment. A digital badge can be displayed and verified online, such as on a LinkedIn profile, but can be earned online or in person. The amount of effort required to earn badges in general is not as well defined as a four-year bachelor’s degree, for example. Some badges may require four hours to earn while others require forty hours. Each specific earned badge, however, must include information on who earned the badge, what the badge represents, how and when it was earned. There is always a graphic to represent the badge. UCR University Extension is exploring the use of badges for internal and external clients.
Instructors interested in earning a Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) badge should contact Ann Kwinn.

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**Introducing Tam Le**

Our Instructional Design student assistant, Emrek Barahona, has graduated and we would like to introduce our new student assistant, Tam Le, who will be conducting course reviews and special projects such as interpreting survey data and helping to create professional development options for instructors. Tam Le is a freshman majoring in business with a concentration in information systems. She is knowledgeable about programming, Microsoft Office, and the Google Suite. In her Office Administrator position at a dental office, she became proficient in Excel, customer service, and training others. She has developed a math curriculum and online content for school clubs. Tam speaks multiple Asian languages and is a passionate activist.

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**Instructor Expertise Survey: Share Your Knowledge and Skills - Win a Prize!**

We are always looking for new ways to empower our instructors to better serve our students, but we can’t do that unless we know more about you. Please take a few moments to complete this brief survey to share your amazing knowledge and skills, and let us know how we can best support you in your teaching capacity.

We kindly ask that you complete the survey by June 10. It’s quick, and should only take a few minutes of your time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Truc Nguyen. The first 20 instructors to complete the survey will win a prize. We forward to hearing from you.

[Complete the survey today!](#)

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**Get your Summer Courses Ready**

As a reminder, please import and update or develop your courses for the summer term.
If you have taught for UCRX in Canvas before you will import your Canvas course and update any dates or other out-of-date information. If you have not taught for UCRX in Canvas you will first need to import the course, *UCRX Template* (which is a Canvas course with a home page and module structure but no course content) before you add your own course content.

Online instructors should take the course, *Teaching with Canvas at UCR Extension*, on their Canvas dashboard. Please contact us when your course is ready for the new term. This should be two weeks before the start of your course. Support questions can be directed to support@ucx.ucr.edu. Ann Kwinn is available to discuss your course design.

Helpful Resource: [Canvas Guide on Importing: How Do I Copy Content from Another Canvas Course](#).

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**Contest!**

Submit a way you have used ChatGPT or another AI tool in your course(s) to Ann Kwinn and win a prize!