



Teaching with Artificial Intelligence (AI) Faculty Feature

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Assignment description:

As part of a major project in my WRIT 1133 class, students conduct one or more journalistic-style interviews with experts on topics related to their research. The assignment can be intimidating for first-year students. The short-writing assignment described below is designed to support students in developing interview skills in a low-stakes environment before they engage experts in the field.

In this assignment, students use an AI tool to enhance their interview preparation process. Students begin by brainstorming potential interviewees based on their research topic, producing a list of experts based on local expertise, accessibility, and relevance. Next, they generate interview questions, sharing their interview purpose statement with peers and the AI tool. Together, they develop questions aligned with their research objectives. To practice one-on-one interviewing skills, students then simulate interview scenarios with a chat bot as a virtual interviewee. After the mock interview, students analyze their performance through peer feedback and feedback from the AI bot.