

AI in Academia: The Hidden Pipeline

A new MIT-led initiative is training the next generation of policy scientists.

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Early-career researchers trained

The inaugural ARTEMIS cohort represents a concentrated investment in rigorous research capacity across U.S. academia.

This cohort of 20 early-career researchers—spanning PhD students to pre-tenure faculty—is receiving full funding and intensive mentorship to design randomized evaluations on pressing social issues. Their work, grounded in evidence-based methods, will inform policy decisions in education, health, labor, and racial equity.

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Training > Tools for Impact

In a field where many researchers hesitate to pursue randomized evaluations due to perceived complexity, ARTEMIS demystifies the process. By embedding technical rigor within a supportive network, it reduces the psychological and logistical barriers that stifle innovation.



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Equity Through Methodology

This emphasis on methodological rigor in equity-centered research creates a feedback loop: better data leads to better policies, which in turn attract more rigorous research. The program is not just training scientists—it's building a new standard for what counts as 'proof' in public policy.

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