# AI Learning's Hidden Mentorship Tax

The real barrier isn't access—it's connection.

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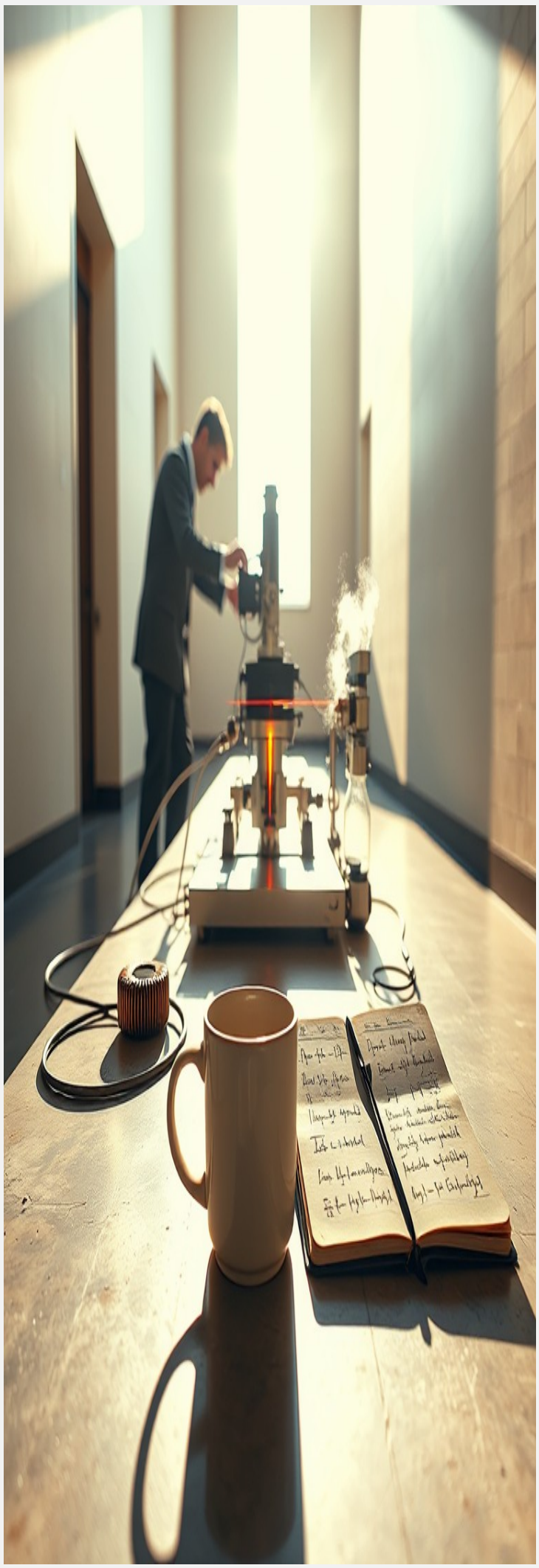
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**Attendees at Memorial**

A gathering of mentees, colleagues, and friends honored Susumu Tonegawa’s legacy.

The memorial service for Nobel laureate Susumu Tonegawa drew 200 attendees—colleagues, former students, and family—united by personal recollections. This number reflects not just professional respect, but the deep, enduring impact of mentorship across decades.

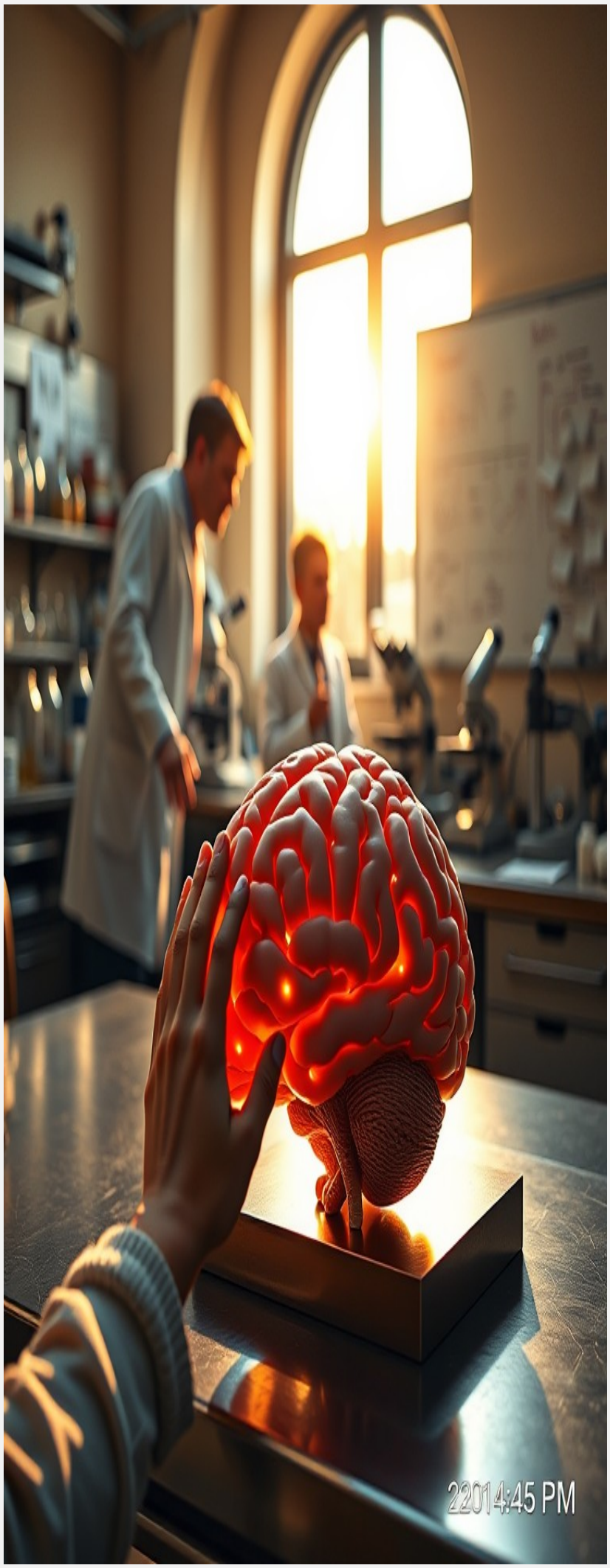


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# Mentorship Is the Unseen Curriculum

AI learning platforms teach models and code, but not how to build a lab, inspire a team, or endure failure. Tonegawa’s legacy shows that true mastery is passed not through tutorials, but through lived example—how to lead with joy, demand excellence, and remain kind. The most valuable lessons in AI are not in the curriculum, but in the relationship.




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## Excellence Without Kindness Is Empty

Tonegawa’s mentees remembered not his Nobel Prize, but his childlike wonder, his insistence on perfect work, and his joy in a quiet moment with a child. In AI learning, we often measure progress by benchmarks and speed, but Tonegawa’s story reveals that the most lasting impact comes from emotional intelligence, humility, and presence. The best AI engineers aren’t just technically skilled—they’re humanly wise.

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