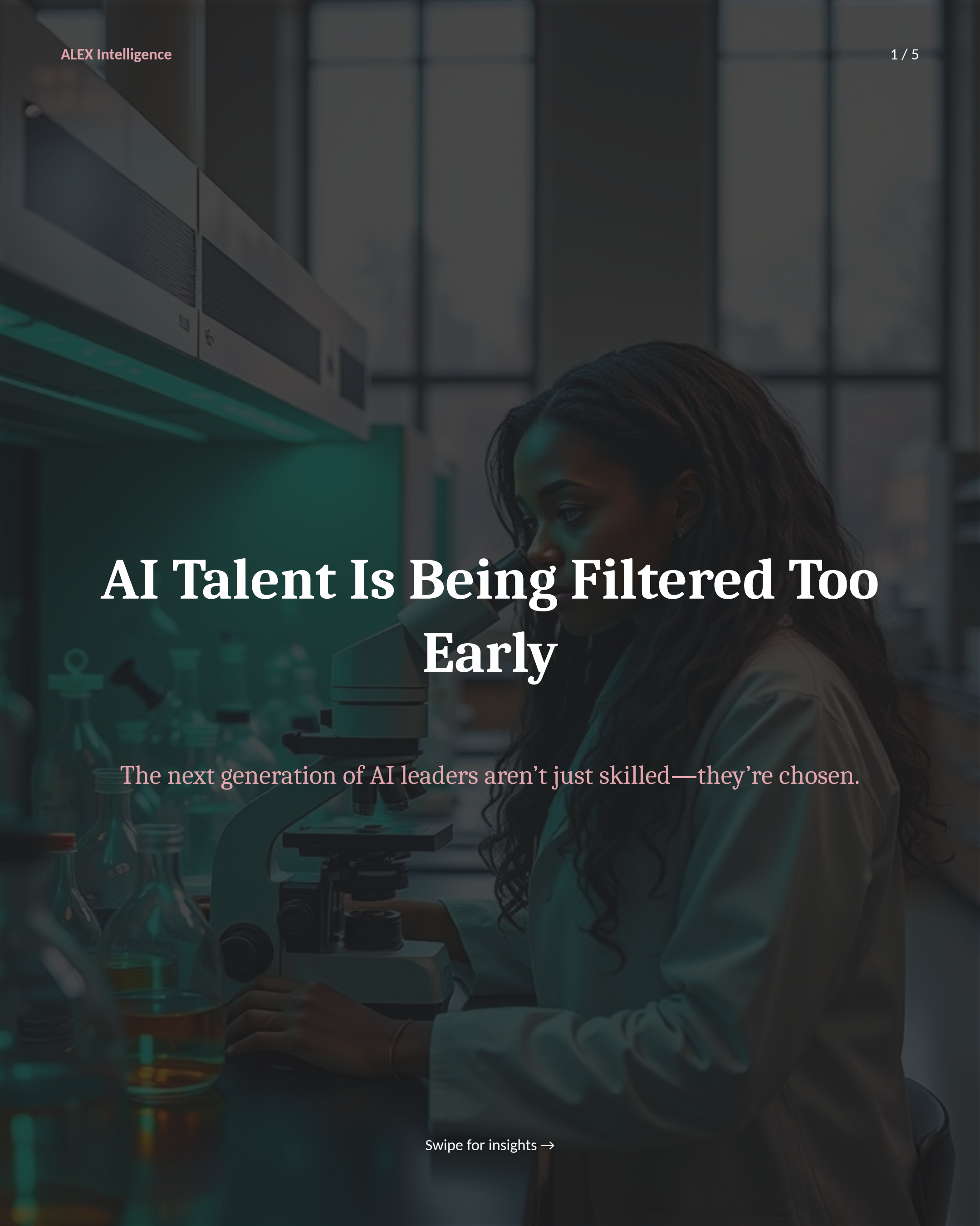


AI Talent Is Being Filtered Too Early

The next generation of AI leaders aren’t just skilled—they’re chosen.

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Rhodes Scholar Class Year

Arianna Doss, a double major in biological engineering and political science, has been selected as a 2027 Rhodes Scholar, marking the beginning of her postgraduate studies at Oxford University.

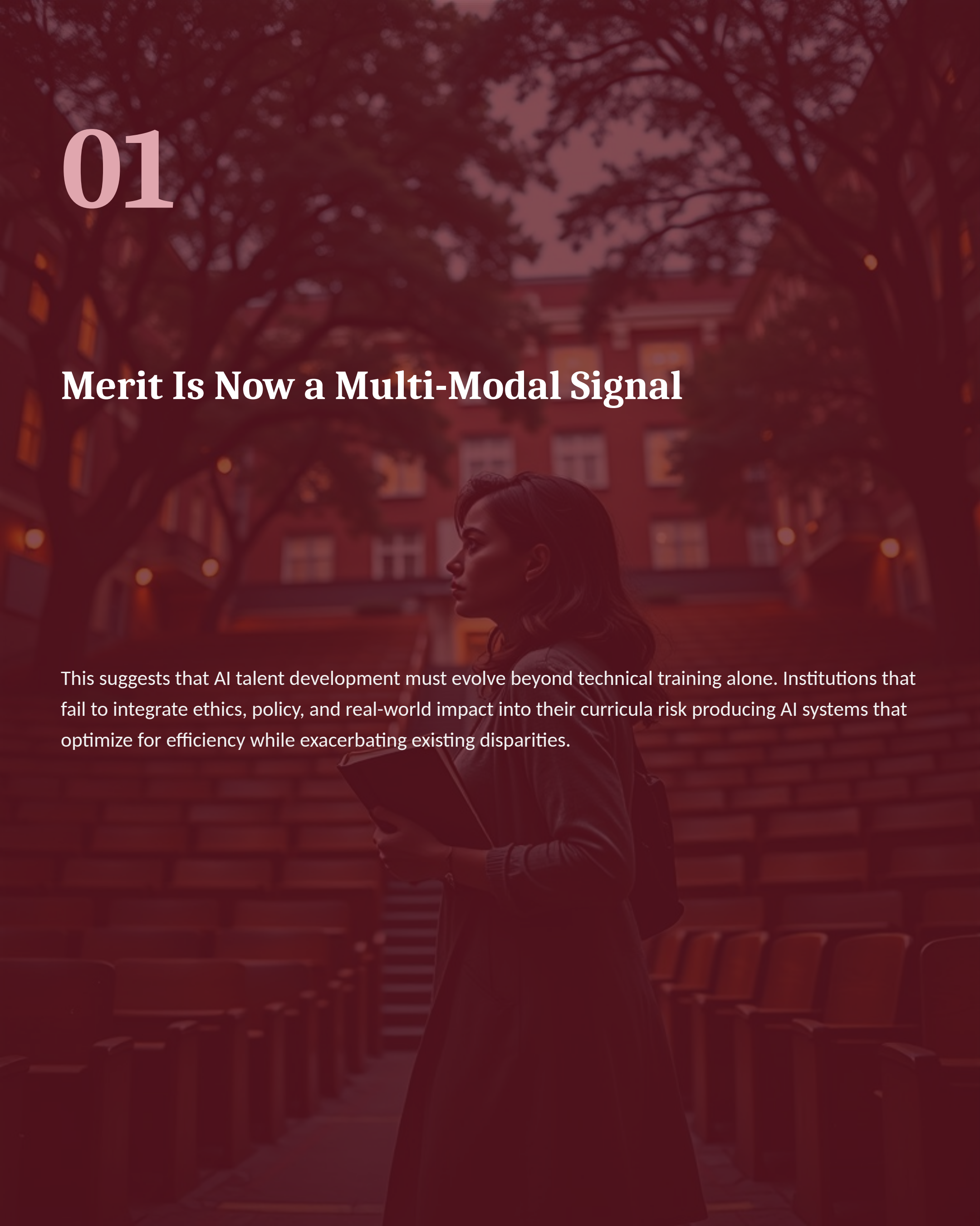
This selection is not just an academic honor—it's a signal of the elite, cross-disciplinary training pipeline that shapes future AI and health policy leaders. Her selection underscores how early, multidimensional excellence is being identified and nurtured at institutions like MIT.



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Merit Is Now a Multi-Modal Signal



This suggests that AI talent development must evolve beyond technical training alone. Institutions that fail to integrate ethics, policy, and real-world impact into their curricula risk producing AI systems that optimize for efficiency while exacerbating existing disparities.



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Elite Access Is Still a Black Box

The implication is clear: AI talent development is not just about curriculum or funding—it’s about access to gatekeeping ecosystems. Without intentional investment in mentorship infrastructure, even the most talented students from under-resourced institutions may never be seen as 'Rhodes-level' candidates.

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