Subject: Request to share a research survey on AI with your CS students

Dr. [LastName],

My name is Scott Ruoti. I'm an Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

My research group is currently exploring how students perceive and use AI in their CS coursework. As a fellow educator, I recognize that AI can be helpful to students, but it can also negatively impact learning outcomes. We're trying to better understand students' perceptions and usage so we can design AI systems that empower educators without enabling students to cheat.

I am reaching out to ask if you would be willing to share our survey with your institution's CS students. If you aren't the right person to send this email, please forward this message to that person—sometimes it wasn't clear who the right contact person should be, so sorry if we got it wrong.

If you can help us share this with your CS students, I've included an example message below that could be sent to students. Feel free to change it however you want.

Thank you very much for considering supporting this research effort. Your help in sharing this survey will greatly contribute to a broader understanding of how students perceive agentic AI across the nation's institutions. If your students participate, I will make sure to share an early copy of our results with you. Also, I've attached a copy of the survey so you can see the questions we are asking if you are interested.

Best wishes, Dr. Ruoti

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CS Students,

The USER Lab at the University of Tennessee is conducting a research study on how CS students perceive and use AI in their CS coursework. The USER Lab's goal is to understand the ideal role of AI in CS education—from no role to a deeply integrated part of education. They need your feedback to help answer this question and guide their future research efforts in this important area.

The link to the research survey is below. Participation should take 5-10 minutes. If you participate, your responses will be anonymous and unable to be linked back to you.

Survey link: https://utk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qSSE6itkFz4kUS?SCHOOL=[school]

Thank you,
Dr. [LastName]

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