

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A horizontal collage of images related to STEM fields, including a hand holding a tablet, a person wearing a VR headset, and various digital data visualizations. The word 'STEM' is overlaid in large, bold, gold letters.

STEM

INNOVATION SUMMIT

March 17-20, 2026

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BUILDING NEW CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE ERA OF AI TECHNOLOGY

THE ISSUE

For the first-generation college student, a college education creates pathways towards lifelong career aspirations, prepares students to successfully compete and thrive in a global workplace, and propels them towards sustainable, upward mobility. **The application of AI technology is rapidly changing the college to career landscape.** To keep pace, the nation's colleges must align career development programs that continue to meet new industry demands that are heavily influenced by AI technologies.

THE IMPACT OF AI

AI technologies inspire technology innovation, harness creativity, accelerate research and development, produce and analyze data, and increase productivity. Recently, the President's Administration hosted a national public forum to unveil a series of policy initiatives under its *"America's AI Action Plan."* The plan details the administration's AI priorities that include workforce development, use of Open-Source AI models, accelerated innovation, and manufacturing jobs to build new data centers and investments in research and counter-intelligence.

UNCF STEM INITIATIVE

PURPOSE

UNCF expanded its STEM career development model to bring to focus and accelerate the application of AI tools and training for college students pursuing degrees and careers in biosciences, biotechnology, finance/fintech, data science, engineering, gaming, robotics, cybersecurity, animation and tech entrepreneurship.

Our expanded model will enable tech entrepreneurs and students seeking careers in STEM to obtain the practical experience necessary to adapt and thrive in an AI driven work environment.

For Partners

- Opportunities for early talent identification, engagement and pipeline development through experiential learning activities that foster greater student self-discovery, creativity and innovation.
- Opportunities for engaging curated HBCU and Bay Area talent in industry-focused areas for further career development.

For Students

- Opportunities to gain practical experience and professional coaching from skilled practitioners that further prepare students for degree attainment and career preparedness.

FOCUS ON FINANCIAL PLANNING & SOFT SKILL DEVELOPMENT

In an era of rising tuition costs and unprecedented student debt nationwide, the work of UNCF continues to improve first generation college students' academic progress towards economic independence through a quality and affordable college education.

Our focus is to continue to integrate financial planning principles and tools in career development programming to assist students effectively plan and experience financial flexibility as they progress in their careers. With the support of banking and financial investment partners, students will learn the principles and importance of financial planning, how to apply tools and training to create an effective financial plan to reduce financial debt post-graduation and adopt behaviors that foster building and sustaining wealth. For entrepreneurs, financial planning is essential for developing business plans and engaging prospective investors.

TIMELINE

Summer 2025

October- November 2025

November - December 2025

January - February 2026

March 2026

June 2026

Content Development

Application and selection process

Pre-Summit webinars Part I

Pre-Summit webinars Part II

Summit/Gala

Program evaluation



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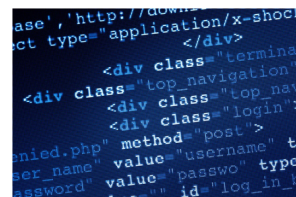
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CONTENT - AI WEBINAR SERIES

Each seminar is 90 minutes in length. Sessions will be held twice monthly for a total of 24 seminars. Each session is comprised of 60 minutes learning covering AI topics and developments and 30 minutes live question and answer period for interactive engagement.

CONTENT FOCUS AREAS

- Current and future state of AI
- AI applications relevant to entrepreneurship and career paths
- Key AI protocols and wrappers participants must know including AI applications Emerging tools, technologies, and updates to the AI tech stack
- Strategic frameworks for navigating AI adoption and integration
- Lab to funding processes: how to move AI research and prototypes to investment readiness Lab to market pathways: strategies for commercializing AI innovations.



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Immersive in person experience for 50 HBCU and 50 Bay Area college students. Content based upon industry trends and priority focus areas of participating partners. Students will have the opportunity to engage skilled practitioners to further prepare them for degree attainment and career preparedness. Student profiles will be available for participating partners to review prior to the Summit.

MACHINE LEARNING, COMPUTER SCIENCE AI TECHNOLOGIES

- Content selected based upon industry trends and AI influences in finance/fintech, biosciences, biotech, gaming, and animation

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Provide entrepreneurs tools and strategies from ideation to commercialization.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Students gain valuable insight and tools through the practical application of online and in-person activities.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, SOFT SKILL DEVELOPMENT, CAREER FAIR

- Students will learn how to align financial planning with college and lifelong career goals. Students attending the summit will benefit from hands on resume critiques and interview preparation as part of the culminating career fair activity.

For more information about partnership opportunities, contact: Monica Sudduth, Vice President, Western Region at Monica.Sudduth@uncf.org



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JOIN US AT THE CLOSE OF THE INNOVATION SUMMIT

Saturday, March 28, 2026
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10 10th Street | Oakland, CA 94607

Each year, approximately 500 attendees join UNCF in recognizing corporate and community partners who have made significant contributions to the work of UNCF in Northern California and nationwide. Former honorees include, former San Francisco Mayor and distinguished HBCU alum, Willie L. Brown, Jr., tech pioneer, Roy Clay, Sr., and corporation of the year honorees, Intel, Kaiser Permanente, PG&E among others. A featured highlight is the work of our STEM Summit partners and the students who have benefited from their participation in the STEM Initiative program.

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UNCF "A MIND IS..." GALA SAN FRANCISCO 2026

PRESENTING SPONSOR – STEM INNOVATION SUMMIT

\$100,000 (TWO)

- Exclusive naming rights as Presenting Sponsor
- Early talent identification webinar (all applicants) *
- Site Visit host with students – Experiential learning content
- Featured panelist in featured panel discussions
- First right access to student resumes
- Interview opportunities
- Access to Student Leadership Conference or Early Talent Opportunity Conference (May/Summer 2026)
- "A Mind Is..."® Gala (two tables of 10)
 - Priority seating
 - Donor recognition as STEM Innovation Presenting Sponsor

DOCTORATE DEGREE SPONSOR

\$50,000 (TWO)

- Early talent identification webinar
- Contributor and facilitator – Experiential learning content
- Featured panelists in panel discussions (2)
- Priority access to student resumes
- Interview opportunities
- Career Fair tabling
- "A Mind Is..."® Gala (two tables of 10)
 - Priority seating
 - Customized branding

MASTERS DEGREE SPONSOR

\$35,000

- Early talent identification webinar
- Contributor and facilitator – Experiential learning content
- Featured panelists in panel discussions (1)
- Priority access to student resumes
- Interview opportunities
- Career Fair tabling
- "A Mind Is..."® Gala (two tables of 10)
 - Priority seating
 - Customized branding

BACHELORS DEGREE SPONSOR

\$15,000

- Early talent identification webinar
- Contributor and facilitator – Experiential learning content
- Featured panelists in panel discussions (1)
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UNCF's mission is to build a robust and nationally recognized pipeline of under-represented students who, because of UNCF support, become highly qualified college graduates and to ensure that our network of 37 member HBCUs is a respected model of best practices in moving students to and through college. UNCF administers more than 400 programs, including scholarship, internship and fellowship, mentoring, summer enrichment and curriculum, and faculty development programs. UNCF envisions a nation where all Americans have equal access to a college education that prepares them for rich intellectual lives, competitive and fulfilling careers, engaged citizenship and service to our nation. Today, UNCF supports more than 60,000 students at over 1,100 colleges and universities across the country. For more information, go to UNCF.org.

UNCF-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Allen University Columbia, SC
Benedict College Columbia, SC
Bennett College Greensboro, NC
Bethune-Cookman University Daytona Beach, FL
Claflin University Orangeburg, SC
Clark Atlanta University Atlanta, GA
Dillard University New Orleans, LA
Edward Waters University Jacksonville, FL
Fisk University Nashville, TN
Florida Memorial University Miami, FL
Huston-Tillotson University Austin, TX
Interdenominational Theological Center Atlanta, GA
Jarvis Christian University Hawkins, TX
Johnson C. Smith University Charlotte, NC
Lane College Jackson, TN
LeMoyne-Owen College Memphis, TN
Livingstone College Salisbury, NC
Miles College Birmingham, AL
Morehouse College Atlanta, GA

Morris College Sumter, SC
Oakwood University Huntsville, AL
Paine College Augusta, GA
Philander Smith University Little Rock, AR
Rust College Holly Springs, MS
Saint Augustine's University Raleigh, NC
Shaw University Raleigh, NC
Spelman College Atlanta, GA
Stillman College Tuscaloosa, AL
Talladega College Talladega, AL
Texas College Tyler, TX
Tougaloo College Tougaloo, MS
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