

Public Service AI Foundational Development Programme

Developed by the Government Chief Digital Officer (GCDO), this cross-agency programme is designed specifically for public servants, with the goal of strengthening Artificial Intelligence (AI) capability in agencies across the Public Service.

This is a new initiative under the Public Service AI Work Programme. The programme is being piloted with selected agencies and public servants in May to June 2025. Modules and digital resources will be thoroughly understood within this development context; therefore we encourage your participation in the programme.

Programme Overview

Length: 5 weeks

Time Commitment: 2 hours/week minimum

- **1 hour live virtual facilitated touchpoint session**
- **Self-paced learning** via the Public Service Core Learning Hub

Capstone Project: Agency team-based AI use case projects presented to a panel of senior public service leaders providing feedback to help learning.

Cost: Free

What You'll Learn

Module 1: Creating Value with AI

Learn the basics of AI, its implications for government, and how it can drive productivity and growth.

Module 2: Safe and Responsible AI

Explore AI through a public service lens – focusing on ethics, privacy, security, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Module 3: Implementing AI

Understand the real-world impacts of AI on people and processes, including the trade-offs between building versus buying AI solutions.

Module 4: Evaluating AI

Apply your knowledge using a practical use case canvas, enabling you to evaluate real AI opportunities and reflect on your learning.

Module 5: Capstone Projects

Work with colleagues to develop and present a practical use case project applying your learning and sharing your new insights with others.

Who Should Participate?

This programme is ideal for public servants who are:

- likely to lead or support AI initiatives
 - agency champions on AI solutions for real challenges
 - eager to learn how to apply AI responsibly and effectively in their agency and across the Public Service.
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Interested to Know More?

If you'd like to learn more about the Public Service AI Framework please see the [GCDO webpage here](#)

The Public Service AI Foundational Development Programme has no confirmed course dates upcoming. You are welcome to register an interest in future programmes by emailing here: GCDO@dia.govt.nz