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for Goucher faculty and staff.

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Explore Your Creativity with AI Image Generators

As a follow-up to last month's exploration of ChatGPT, we bring you another exciting focus in the world of artificial intelligence. This month, we examine the range of AI image generators - powerful tools that are reshaping the way we educate, create, and innovate.

AI-powered image generators bring some exciting possibilities to the world of education. Professors and educators can leverage these tools to create captivating visuals for presentations, assignments, and projects. The use of visually engaging graphics can help simplify complex concepts, making them more accessible to students. Moreover, AI-generated images have the potential to stimulate discussions, promote critical thinking, and enhance comprehension across various subjects.

Many of these same benefits apply to staff outside the classroom too. In addition to the list of uses above, AI image generators can enhance documents and reports, illustrate training materials, document processes, and more. They can also play a part in personalizing communications, such as emails or social media posts, or be used in brainstorming sessions to spur collaboration or creative thinking.

Want to try it for yourself? With a simple Internet search, you'll find several AI image generators such as [Microsoft's Bing Image Generator](#), most with free usage to full featured subscriptions. Here are three more free-to-use AI image generators:

1. [Runway ML](#): A user-friendly platform that offers various creative tools, including AI image generators, for artists and designers.
2. [DALL-E 2](#): Generate highly realistic and intricate images from textual descriptions, offering new prospects for artistic expression, design, and exploration across various fields.
3. [Artbreeder](#): This platform lets you blend and modify images to create stunning visual combinations, making it ideal for artists and creatives.

AI image generators offer opportunities for educators and students to engage with technology in creative and innovative ways, enhancing the learning experience and fostering

interdisciplinary exploration. As with any technology, responsible and ethical usage is key to ensuring that its usage contributes positively to higher education and our global community.

For more information, check out these articles:

[How Can Generative AI Be Used in Higher Ed? | EdTech Magazine](#)

[Generative AI: Education In The Age Of Innovation \(forbes.com\)](#)

[Generative AI & Higher Education. “Friendly” To Professors. But Students Better Be Careful. \(forbes.com\)](#)

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IT Training Events

Teams Basics for Online Meetings

August 17, 2023 / 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. / Online

September 8, 2023 / 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. / Online

October 10, 2023 / 1:00 -2:00 p.m. / Online

One Drive Basics

August 31, 2023 / 11:00 – 12:00 a.m. / ATH – Batza 448

September 22, 2023 / 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. / ATH – Batza 448

October 25, 2023 / 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. / ATH – Batza 448

IT Workshops

- **Creating Visual Aids for Beginners - September 12, 2023 / 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. / ATH – Batza 448**

Whether you are describing a process, putting together a job aid, teaching a concept, or giving a PowerPoint presentation, using visual aids helps you connect with your audience. In this course, you will learn how to create visual interest in whatever learning aid you're producing. From diagrams to charts to word bubbles, you'll learn the basics of creating shapes and other graphics and how to incorporate them into typical Microsoft applications such as PowerPoint, Word, or Publisher.

- **Creating Presentations that Pop - September 19, 2023 / 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. / ATH – 322**

This course will explore the many ways you can make your slide presentation more than just text on a pretty background. Topics will include best practices for better audience reception, using SmartArt instead of bullets, using fonts and themes wisely, and exploring alternatives to clipart.

- **Adding Value to Your Instructional Videos - September 26, 2023 / 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. / ATH – Batza 448**

From your starting script to recording, editing, and sharing your work, learn how to produce quick instructional videos that engage your audience.

[Click here to register for Teams Basics, One Drive Basics or Train The Trainer workshops.](#)

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