

AI Proofing Your Career

How to use AI as a career *accelerator* – not a threat

Early-career workers tend to be more optimistic about AI's potential, but many worry about fewer entry-level learning opportunities.

Organizations increasingly expect employees to adopt AI.¹

AI's complementary demand for human skills (like ethics, collaboration, resilience) is rising faster than its substitution of routine tasks.²

Upskill & Reskill Strategically

Organizations treating reskilling as a strategic imperative are designing **multiyear learning agendas** rather than piecemeal training.³



The best reskilling programs emphasize collaboration, with internal development units, external partnerships, peer learning all playing a role.

65% of managers say **AI skills are very or extremely important** for staying competitive in their careers.⁵

Lean into Human + AI Skills

AI will amplify roles, not eliminate them, as long as you lean into non-automatable strengths like **judgment, creativity, ethics, and domain fluency.**²



Deploy AI in Your Work

When possible, shift low-value, time-consuming tasks to AI (drafting, summarizing, data prep), and **reserve your bandwidth** for strategy, insight, relationships.⁴



Early career workers using AI at work say they're working fewer total hours per week and focusing more on collaboration and wellbeing due to **productivity gains from AI tools.**¹

Always validate AI output; **it's a tool, not an oracle.**

Document your AI experiments & share learnings.

Stay curious as new models are evolving fast.

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