

Growing with AI Initiative

The Challenge

Washington's \$14 billion agricultural sector faces a critical moment and is in need of innovative solutions. Mounting pressures from extreme weather and long-term climate variations, labor shortages, and rising costs of doing business have led to over 3,700 farms shutting down in just five years.

The Washington State Academy of Sciences (WSAS) is calling upon its multidisciplinary community of members—along with agriculture, policy, and tech leaders—to explore how we might develop and deploy AI-enabled tools and insights to ensure a resilient, viable, and secure future for agriculture in Washington.

Our Approach

Growing with AI is a multi-part prototype [deep dive](#) initiative to define grand challenges and catalyze follow-on collaborations that advance AI-enabled innovation in food production in Washington. It consists of a [6-part webinar series](#), an invitation-only collaborative workshop to define grand challenges, and a call for concept papers.

Why your sponsorship matters

Raise your visibility with new audiences. Elevate your organization's name and mission among a broad group of leaders in agriculture, technology, policy, and research in Washington.

Find potential collaborators. WSAS members represent top scientists and engineers from multiple fields and research institutions. Many—in fields ranging from computer science to economics to soil sciences across academia, government, and industry—are participating on the planning committee. Other planning committee members include the Washington Department of Agriculture and leaders in the agriculture and technology industry. Workshop attendees will also include funding organizations and national thought leaders.

Support a robust agriculture future in Washington. You can help to ensure a vibrant future for food production in Washington by helping us to convene innovative growers, industries, and thought leaders in science and technology to define the challenges that must be addressed, opportunities to advance Washington's leadership, and bring people together in new ways.

What your sponsorship will support

Your sponsorship will fund the planning, implementation, and participant costs of a collaborative workshop to develop grand challenges for AI in agriculture, and a broad call for concepts to address them. Any sponsorships in excess of the costs of this initiative will be applied toward follow-on efforts to advance AI for Agriculture, as informed by a multidisciplinary, cross-sector planning committee.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Level	Standard	Discount*	Benefits
Diamond	\$50,000	\$38,000	Keynote remarks and table at workshop, full-page feature in summary report, largest logo on promotional materials, 3 workshop registrations
Platinum	\$25,000	\$18,000	Remarks and table at workshop, ½ page feature in summary report, large logo on promotional materials, 2 workshop registrations
Gold	\$10,000	\$7,500	Table at workshop, ½ page feature in summary report, medium logo on promotional materials, 1 workshop registration
Bronze	\$4,000	\$3,000	Small logo on promotional materials, ¼ page feature in summary report
Supporter	\$2,000	\$1,500	Small logo on promotional materials

**Discounted rate available to small business, government, education, and non-profit institutions.*

For more information

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Event website: <https://washacad.org/growing-with-ai/>