

University of Leicester Gives Every Student and Staff Member Microsoft 365 Copilot Access — A UK 'Frontier University' AI Rollout

AI in Education · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

The University of Leicester gave all 21,000+ students and 4,000+ staff full Microsoft 365 Copilot access from September 2026, becoming one of the UK's first 'Microsoft Frontier universities', days after Manchester announced a 65,000-user rollout.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	0/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[University of Leicester; Microsoft](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[EdTech Innovation Hub: University of Leicester rolls out Microsoft 365 Copilot across campus](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Education Awards Ireland: University of Leicester rolls out Microsoft 365 Copilot to all students and staff](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

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