

CAPSTONE INSTRUCTIONS

Claude and I came up with these parameters:

This project is your opportunity to explore AI as a creative and functional tool. We want to create something of (good) use, and we want to collaborate with AI to do it.

Your project should demonstrate AI in action. This means creating something tangible, a deliverable that exists in the world and does something. Whether it entertains, informs, solves a problem, or provokes thought, your project should have a pulse.

Possible formats (but don't let this limit you):

- Video projects: Documentaries, short films, explainers, experimental media
- Journalistic work: Investigative series, multimedia storytelling, data-driven reporting
- Interactive experiences: Websites, apps, chatbots, games
- Customized AI tools: A chatbot with a specific purpose, an AI assistant for a particular community or need
- Art installations or exhibits: Physical or digital
- Audio projects: Podcasts, soundscapes, audio documentaries
- Something we haven't thought of yet

Your proposal should address the following:

What are you making? Describe your deliverable clearly enough that we can picture it and offer constructive feedback.

Why does it matter? What's the purpose? Who's it for?

How will you use AI? Try to be specific about AI's role, even which tools you think you might use. Is AI generating content? Analyzing data? Providing interaction? Augmenting your creative process? What?

What are the ethical considerations? Every AI project raises questions. What are yours? How will you address issues like bias, transparency, consent, accuracy, or environmental impact? And show that you have thought through the line that separates collaboration with cognitive offloading.

What's your timeline and what do you need? Give us a realistic sense of your workflow and any resources, access, or support you'll need.

Some tips, all from Claude:

- Ambition balanced with feasibility: Dream big, but show us you can actually pull it off
- Thoughtfulness about AI's role: You're not just using AI because it's there, you're using it intentionally
- Awareness of implications: You've thought about what this project means in the world, not just in your portfolio
- Clarity of vision: We should be able to see what you see

The best projects often come from genuine curiosity, frustration with something that doesn't exist yet, or a desire to serve a specific community or need. Trust that impulse. And aim for having some fun.