




The influence of financial awareness and the utilization of artificial intelligence on financial decision making of students at the State Islamic University of North Sumatra

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Article Info	ABSTRACT
<p>Article history:</p> <p>Received May 19, 2026 Revised May 24, 2026 Accepted Jun 6, 2026</p> <hr/> <p>Keywords:</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence; Financial Awareness; Financial Decision Making.</p>	<p>This study uses a quantitative method with a causal associative relationship to analyze the influence of financial awareness and the role of AI on the structure of financial decision-making among UINSU students. Primary data collection comes from a 5-level Likert-scale questionnaire distributed to a sample of 100 students. To ensure the accuracy of the multiple linear regression output, SPSS software is used to execute the analysis stages including: instrument reliability and validity testing, fulfillment of classical assumptions (consisting of normality, freedom from heteroscedasticity, and absence of multicollinearity), and significance evaluation (t-test, F-test, plus the achievement of the coefficient of determination). The output of this research shows a tendency for a positive and significant relationship between variables. Independently, the growth of financial awareness and the appropriate application of AI can stimulate students' financial decisions to become more mature. This conclusion is strengthened by simultaneous testing which shows that the combination of these two factors plays an essential role in influencing the financial behavior of students at the State Islamic University of North Sumatra.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC license.</i></p> 

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1. INTRODUCTION

The economic and financial sectors are undergoing significant transformation with the development of artificial intelligence (AI). This technology is used to assist with financial data analysis, budget management, spending control, and even automated investment recommendations (D. S. Nasution, 2024). A global survey released by BMO and reported by Investopedia shows that approximately 61% of Generation Z have utilized AI in their financial activities (Wei et al., 2025). These findings indicate that AI has become a crucial part of the younger generation's financial decision-making.

The development of financial digitalization is also occurring in Indonesia. Bank Indonesia data from 2024 recorded a year-on-year increase of more than 200% in QRIS transactions, while the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) reported that approximately 30% of Indonesian households use digital wallets. This indicates that people are increasingly accustomed to using digital technology-based financial services in their daily activities (Togan et al., 2025). However, a 2024 Financial Services Authority (OJK) report shows that the national financial literacy rate has only reached 50.68%, while the financial inclusion rate has reached 88.96%. This data shows that the high use of

digital financial services has not been fully matched by sound financial management skills (Ramadhani, 2023).

High use of digital financial services does not necessarily reflect high financial literacy. The use of digital services demonstrates the ability to utilize technology for transactions, while financial literacy relates to the ability to understand, manage, and make appropriate financial decisions. Consequently, someone may actively use digital financial applications but may not necessarily possess sound financial management skills, including financial risk planning and control.

The increasing use of AI in the financial sector is also evident in a 2024 report by Google Indonesia and the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, which shows that AI implementation has increased by 65% in the past two years through robo-advisor applications, automated expense analysis, and digital investment services (Siebert et al., 2026). Despite the growing use of AI, public understanding of the mechanisms and risks of using this technology remains relatively low (Krisdianto, 2024) explain that low financial awareness can lead to blind decision-making, namely financial decisions made solely based on system recommendations without rational consideration of one's personal financial situation. This situation demonstrates that the use of AI does not always result in optimal financial decisions if it is not supported by adequate financial understanding (S. A. Nasution, 2024).

A person's ability to execute personal financial policies is largely determined by their level of understanding of their own financial situation. This concept aligns with (Ihsan & Fatya, 2025) Financial Awareness Theory, which defines financial awareness as an individual's ability to map cash flow, control expenditures, and calculate risks before making transactions. When individuals possess mature literacy and awareness, they act more logically, prioritizing needs over wants, including when interacting with modern financial platforms. Conversely, a lack of financial urgency often triggers impulsive behavior and leads to poor economic choices (Laakasuo et al., 2025).

UINSU (State Islamic University of North Sumatra) is a real portrait of this reality, especially when looking at the dynamics of its students today. As a generation that grew up in the digital era, they are very familiar with digital ecosystems such as mobile banking, e-wallets, e-commerce, and even artificial intelligence (AI)-based financial assistants. Unfortunately, their fluency in operating these technologies does not automatically reflect sound financial management capabilities (Ramalingan, 2025). highlighted a paradox where students often rely on automated recommendations from financial applications for convenience, without considering the long-term consequences or understanding how these systems work. This gap emphasizes that technology adoption does not necessarily equate to financial wisdom.

Referring to the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) developed by Fred Davis (1989), there are two important determinants that stimulate AI integration in the financial sector, namely perception of usefulness and perception of ease of operation. The presence of AI through automatic budget tracking features and instant investment advice does offer significant time efficiency. However (Pohan, 2023) warns of significant risks when this advanced technology is adopted by users with minimal financial awareness. They are susceptible to following instant decisions proposed by AI without conducting rational personal analysis. Therefore (Rahma, 2024) emphasizes that the positive impact of AI technology will only be optimal if balanced with strong financial awareness control from its users.

Extensive research has been conducted on financial literacy, financial awareness, and technology acceptance. However, research examining the relationship between financial awareness and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in financial decision-making remains limited, particularly among university students. Studies specifically examining UINSU students, as a digital generation actively using AI-based financial services, are also limited. Therefore, this study aims to analyze the influence of financial awareness and AI use on the financial decisions of UINSU students.

In the Medan region, studies examining how the correlation between financial awareness and reliance on AI influences students' economic decisions are still limited. Given these conditions, the focus of observation in this study is specifically directed at students entering the State Islamic

University of North Sumatra in 2022. They are at a crucial point in their transition to financial independence and are also the group most engaged with digital innovation. This research was designed to uncover three main points: the impact of financial awareness on the effectiveness of financial decisions, the influence of AI utilization on economic interaction patterns, and the simultaneous contribution of these two variables in shaping the financial behavior of UINSU students.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

This quantitative research uses multiple linear regression analysis to examine the influence of financial awareness and the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the financial decisions of students at the State Islamic University of North Sumatra (UINSU). This approach was chosen so that the relationship between variables could be measured objectively based on numerical data. From a total population of 5,803 students from the class of 2022, a purposive sampling technique was used to determine the research sample. Respondents are categorized as active users of digital financial instruments if they use at least one digital financial service, such as mobile banking, digital wallets, or AI-based financial applications regularly in their daily financial transactions and management activities.

Referring to the Slovin formula with an error tolerance margin of 10%, the number of samples obtained was 100 respondents (Sugiyono, 2022). A 10% margin of error was chosen because the study population was relatively large and the research was exploratory in nature, aiming to identify relationships between variables in a group of college students using digital financial services. This margin of error is acceptable in social research and allows for more efficient data collection while maintaining sample representativeness.

This study used a digital questionnaire with a Likert scale of 1–5 (Ghozali, 2021) as the primary instrument for collecting primary data, which was then processed using SPSS version 27 software. The analysis stage began with instrument validity and reliability tests. Next, classical assumption tests were conducted, including normality, multicollinearity, and heteroscedasticity tests, to ensure the regression model met statistical requirements. Multiple linear regression analysis was then conducted along with the t-test, F-test, and coefficient of determination (R^2) to measure the influence and contribution of the independent variables on the dependent variable (Ghozali, 2021). This entire series of analyses was used to examine the influence of financial awareness and AI use on students' financial decisions, both partially and simultaneously.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Research result

Descriptive statistical analysis was applied in this research to map and describe the data characteristics of each of the variables studied, namely Financial Awareness (X_1), Utilization of Artificial Intelligence (X_2), and Financial Decision Making (Y). Through the process of tabulation and data calculation carried out with the help of SPSS software, a general overview of the distribution of values and data profiles of respondents was obtained as follows.

Descriptive Statistics					
	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
FA	100	25.00	40.00	35.1900	3.59768
PAI	100	10.00	40.00	28.5700	7.35981
FDM	100	21.00	40.00	35.2500	4.15939
Valid N (listwise)	100				

Figure 1. Descriptive Statistics of Variables

The results of descriptive testing on 100 student samples regarding the characteristics of data distribution for each variable can be summarized as follows: a) Financial Awareness (FA): Scores ranged from 25 to 40 with a mean of 35.19. This indicates that students' understanding and literacy regarding personal financial management are in the high category. The low standard deviation (3.59768) indicates that perceptions across respondents tend to be consistent (homogeneous); b) Utilization of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Scores ranged from 10 to 40 with a mean of 28.57. This

reflects a moderate to high level of adoption of AI technology in student financial services. The large standard deviation (7.35981) indicates that the depth of investment in this technology still varies significantly among individuals; c) For the Financial Decision Making (FDM) variable, the scores ranged from 21 to 40, with an average of 35.25. This figure indicates that students' economic decision-making abilities are considered very good. Furthermore, the standard deviation of 4.15939 is in the moderate category, indicating that students' tendencies in making financial decisions are generally relatively consistent.

Validity Test

A questionnaire instrument is deemed valid and capable if the results of the validity test at the 5% level show a calculated r-value exceeding the table r-value, and is supported by a significance value below 0.05. Fulfilling these criteria proves that the statement items are valid and accurate in measuring the research variables.

Table 1. Validity test results

Statement	Financial Awareness	Utilization of Artificial Intelligence	Financial Decision Making	Result
X1.1	0.697			Valid
X1.2	0.53			Valid
X1.3	0.606			Valid
X1.4	0.767			Valid
X1.5	0.588			Valid
X1.6	0.525			Valid
X1.7	0.748			Valid
X1.8	0.644			Valid
X2.1		0.903		Valid
X2.2		0.903		Valid
X2.3		0.86		Valid
X2.4		0.929		Valid
X2.5		0.872		Valid
X2.6		0.892		Valid
X2.7		0.893		Valid
X2.8		0.929		Valid
Y.1			0.691	Valid
Y.2			0.766	Valid

Source: SPSS Data Processing Results (2026)

Through the validity test estimation at a significance level of 5% with degrees of freedom or $df = 98$, the r table value was obtained as 0.196, all statement items for variables X₁, X₂, and Y were proven to have calculated r values that were above the r table threshold. This finding states that each indicator in the questionnaire is valid. Thus, the instrument used in this study is considered valid, suitable for application in the field, and has met the requirements to enter the next stage of data analysis.

Reliability Testing

Through a Cronbach's Alpha-based reliability test, the instrument's consistency is measured with a minimum standard value of 0.60. If the statistical calculation results exceed this constant, the questionnaire is deemed reliable. This demonstrates that the data collection tool has a good level of robustness for further analysis

Reliability Statistics		Reliability Statistics		Reliability Statistics	
Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items	Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items	Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
.788	8	.965	8	.904	8

Figure 2. Results of reliability test of variables X₁, X₂, and Y

Based on the reliability evaluation using the Cronbach's Alpha method, coefficients were obtained for the variables of financial awareness (0.788), AI utilization (0.965), and decision-making

(0.904), all of which were above the limit value of 0.60. Thus, it can be confirmed that the questionnaire distributed to respondents was able to provide consistent and reliable results in measuring these variables.

Normality Test

To ensure whether the distribution of residual values in the regression model runs normally, a normality test procedure is carried out as the main step. This test is implemented using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov approach, based on the significance value (Asymp. Sig.). The criterion is that if the significance value is greater than 0.05, the residual data is considered normally distributed. Conversely, if the significance value is below the 0.05 threshold, it indicates that the residual data is not normally distributed.

One-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

		Unstandardize d Residual
N		100
Normal Parameters ^{a,b}	Mean	.0000000
	Std. Deviation	2.8883107
Most Extreme Differences	Absolute	.108
	Positive	.066
	Negative	-.108
Test Statistic		.108
Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed) ^c		.007
Monte Carlo Sig. (2-tailed) ^d		.007
95% Confidence Interval		Lower Bound: .004 Upper Bound: .009

a. Test distribution is Normal.
b. Calculated from data.
c. Lilliefors Significance Correction.
d. Lilliefors' method based on 10000 Monte Carlo samples with starting seed 2000000.

Figure 3. Normality test results

The significance value for the residual was recorded at 0.007 using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov calculation. Since this figure falls short of the minimum standard of 0.05, it can be concluded that the data distribution is not normal, this research model remains valid. Based on the Central Limit Theorem, a sample size of 100 respondents allows for tolerance of this neck of normality, allowing for continued multiple linear regression analysis.

Multicollinearity Test

To ensure that the independent variables in the regression model are not excessively correlated with each other, a multicollinearity analysis was performed. The validity and feasibility of this research model depend heavily on meeting these assumptions, which is mathematically proven by achieving a tolerance value above 0.10 and a VIF (Variance Inflation Factor) limit that does not exceed 10.

Coefficients^a

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
		B	Std. Error	Beta			Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)	4.956	2.665		1.860	.066		
	FA	.775	.083	.671	9.365	<.001	.827	1.209
	PAI	.105	.040	.186	2.599	.011	.827	1.209

a. Dependent Variable: FDM

Figure 4. Multicollinearity test results

Multicollinearity testing confirmed the absence of intercorrelation between the independent variables in the model. The Financial Awareness (FA) and AI Utilization variables demonstrated valid performance, with a Tolerance score of 0.827 (above the 0.10 threshold) and a VIF value of 1.209 (below the 10 threshold). The fulfillment of these classical assumptions confirms that both predictor variables are suitable for inclusion in the multiple linear regression analysis.

Spearman's Rho Method for Heteroscedasticity Testing

Heteroscedasticity detection here is performed using the Spearman's rho correlation method between the independent variables and their residual values. For a model to be considered ideal, the probability or significance value must exceed 0.05.

Spearman's rho	FA	PAI	FDM	Unstandardized Residual
FA	Constan Coefficient	1.000	.433***	.749***
	Sig. (2-tailed)		<.001	<.001
	N	100	100	100
PAI	Constan Coefficient	.433***	1.000	.475***
	Sig. (2-tailed)	<.001		<.001
	N	100	100	100
FDM	Constan Coefficient	.749***	.475***	1.000
	Sig. (2-tailed)	<.001	<.001	
	N	100	100	100
Unstandardized Residual	Constan Coefficient	.029	-.030	.594**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.776	.764	<.001
	N	100	100	100

***. Correlation is significant at the 0.001 level (2-tailed).

Figure 5. Spearman's rho method for heteroscedasticity testing

From the obtained output, the FA variable recorded a Sig. value of 0.776 and the PAI variable a Sig. value of 0.764. Considering that both results are above the 0.05 constant, no significant correlation was found between the residuals and the independent variables. In conclusion, the classical assumption regarding homoscedasticity has been met, and this regression model is deemed suitable for further testing.

Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

Using multiple linear regression analysis in SPSS, this study examines the relationship between financial awareness and AI applications on the financial decision-making behavior of students at the State Islamic University of North Sumatra. A summary of the empirical data from this test is presented in the table below:

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error			
1	(Constant)	4.956	2.665		1.860	.066
	FA	.775	.083	.671	9.365	<.001
	PAI	.769	.040	.658	9.105	<.001

a. Dependent Variable: FDM

Figure 6. Multiple linear regression test results

From the calculation results obtained, the following are the specifications of the multiple linear regression equation model formed:

$$FDM = 4.956 + 0.775 FA + 0.769 PAI$$

Mathematically, the constant or intercept value of 4.956 indicates the starting point of students' financial decisions when both predictor factors (financial awareness and AI adoption) are considered absent or zero. The contribution of each independent variable can be described as follows: a) Financial Awareness (FA): This variable has a regression coefficient of 0.775. This positive value indicates that for every one-point increase in students' financial understanding, their financial decision-making quality is projected to increase by 0.775 points; b) Utilization of Artificial Intelligence (AI): With a coefficient value of 0.769, the adoption of AI technology also has a unidirectional impact. Therefore, a one-unit increase in AI usage will boost financial decisions by 0.769. This unidirectional relationship is very convincing, as its significance value is well below 0.001.

Hypothesis Testing t-Test (Partial Test)

The individual influence analysis of each predictor variable is determined using a t-test procedure by observing its significance value. The acceptance criteria for partial relationships are determined by the probability value (Sig.) which must not exceed the standard limit of 0.05. When the test results show a figure above 0.05, this confirms the absence of a significant influence, so the proposed hypothesis is immediately declared invalid.

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error			
1	(Constant)	4.956	2.665		1.860	.066
	FA	.775	.083	.671	9.365	<.001
	PAI	.769	.040	.658	9.105	<.001

a. Dependent Variable: FDM

Figure 7. t-test results

If we look at the partial test indicators (t-test) summarized in the previous table, the essence of the findings from the results of this statistical estimation include: a) Empirical support was found for H₁, which means that Financial Awareness has a partial positive and significant effect on students' financial decision-making. This conclusion was drawn because the calculated t value (9.365) was proven to be greater than the t table (1.986), and the significance value obtained was below the 0.05 standard (precisely <0.001); b) The AI Utilization variable also showed directional results, so H₂ was declared accepted. The calculated t value constant for this variable was 9.105, a value above the t table limit of 1.986. With a significance level that passed below the 0.05 parameter, the role of AI technology was confirmed to be significant in driving students' financial decisions towards better directions.

F Test (Simultaneous Test)

The F test evaluates the strength of the influence of predictor variables simultaneously on the response variable. The feasibility criteria for a regression model are considered significant if the calculated F score is above the F table value with a Sig. value below the 0.05 limit.

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	1007.607	2	503.803	69.304	<.001 ^b
	Residual	705.143	97	7.270		
	Total	1712.750	99			

a. Dependent Variable: FDM

b. Predictors: (Constant), PAI, FA

Figure 8. F test results (simultaneous)

Through ANOVA testing, the regression model was proven to meet the model feasibility criteria. With a calculated F score of 69.304 (above the F table of 3.09) and a significance value of <0.001 (below the 0.05 standard), hypothesis H₃ was successfully proven. Consequently, the simultaneous combination of financial awareness and artificial intelligence applications has a positive impact on the efficiency of students' financial decision-making.

Coefficient of Determination (R₂)

In determining the extent to which independent variables are able to collectively explain dependent variables, researchers utilize calculations of the coefficient of determination (R₂). This statistical parameter accurately demonstrates the contribution of financial awareness and AI utilization to driving changes in financial decision-making.

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.867 ^a	.774	.785	2.69620

a. Predictors: (Constant), PAI, FA

Figure 9. Results of the determination coefficient (r₂) test

Based on the processed output data, the Adjusted R Square constant was recorded at 0.785. This indicates that the combined contribution of financial understanding and the application of artificial intelligence technology to financial decisions is 78.5%. The remaining 21.5% is influenced by external variables outside the scope of this observation. With a result approaching 80%, it can be concluded that the theoretical framework applied in this study has a very good level of predictive accuracy.

Discussion

The Effect of Financial Awareness on Financial Decision-Making of Students at the State Islamic University of North Sumatra

The capacity of UINSU students to make independent financial decisions is positively and significantly influenced by their financial awareness. Based on the t-test findings, this significant contribution is validated by the calculated t-value of 9.365, which is above the theoretical limit of the

t-table (1.986). The scientific certainty of this relationship is fully supported by the significance level value of 0.001, which is below the tolerance limit of 0.05, so that the influence of this variable is convincingly recognized within the statistical corridor. This empirical finding indicates a positive linearity; meaning that increased financial awareness among students is directly proportional to their ability to make financial choices. Students with mature financial awareness have been shown to be more adept at developing spending plans, prioritizing urgent needs, and calculating risks before acting (Layn, 2024).

This phenomenon reinforces the concept of financial literacy, which places awareness of one's personal fiscal situation as a key pillar in formulating rational decisions. When an individual has high financial awareness, they tend to be more selective and consider various alternative financial solutions (Merter, 2025).

Efficiency in budget preparation and management is greatly influenced by a person's level of financial awareness. This premise aligns with the findings of this study and strengthens the scientific argument previously put forward by (Februari et al., 2024). Future planning, and risk mitigation. Therefore, it can be concluded that financial awareness acts as a crucial internal stimulus to improve the quality of students' financial decisions. Ultimately, internalizing this awareness will guide students to act more rationally to secure long-term financial well-being (Molavi et al., 2025).

These findings suggest that developing digital financial literacy in higher education institutions needs to integrate financial understanding with the ability to wisely utilize digital technology and AI. This way, students can make more rational and responsible financial decisions.

The Effect of Artificial Intelligence Utilization on Financial Decision-Making Students at the State Islamic University of North Sumatra

The t-test indicators provide strong evidence that the involvement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) makes a significant positive contribution to the financial decision-making process among students. The calculated t-value (9.105) successfully exceeded the critical t-table limit (1.986) with a significance value of 0.001. This empirical fact confirms a logical pattern: when students are able to maximize the functionality of AI-based digital financial platforms, the financial decisions they take tend to be wiser. This phenomenon also reinforces previous findings made by (Ridwan, 2023).

The presence of AI in digital financial services facilitates users through portfolio analysis features, fund allocation recommendations, and real-time information transparency. This technology helps students map their financial situation to generate more rational and objective considerations (Mulyono, 2025). Thus, AI has shifted its function from being a mere technical tool to an essential decision support system.

This positive correlation aligns with (Novi Fadhila, 2025) thesis, which states that accurate risk evaluation through AI systems directly impacts the accuracy of investment decisions. Consistent with this view, (Hakim et al., 2024) argue that comprehensive information processing by AI is key to efficient financial management. By referencing these two sources, this study's argument becomes even more robust: the adoption of intelligent technology is essential for raising students' standards when making financial choices.

The Effect of Financial Awareness and Artificial Intelligence Utilization on Financial Decision-Making of Students at the State Islamic University of North Sumatra

The combined influence of financial literacy and the use of AI technology significantly improved UINSU students' financial decisions. Statistical calculations showed that the model was highly feasible, with a calculated F-value of 69.304, exceeding the standard F-table of 3.090 with a significance level of $p < 0.001$. The R-squared indicator, which reached 0.774, confirmed that the simultaneous contribution of these two aspects was 77.4%. Beyond this observational scope, another 22.6% of the variation in financial decisions was driven by other factors. This empirical conclusion also strengthens the theoretical foundation previously proposed by (Bona et al., 2025). The coefficient of determination of 0.774 indicates that the model has strong ability to explain students' financial decisions. This indicates that financial awareness and AI utilization are the main factors

influencing financial decisions, although 22.6% of the variation is influenced by factors outside the research model.

This phenomenon indicates that student financial management is influenced by a combination of internal and external factors, particularly the development of financial technology. The synergy between good financial awareness and the use of artificial intelligence can result in more effective and quality financial decisions (El et al., 2024). Therefore, improving the quality of financial decision-making requires a balance between developing financially aware behaviors and the wise and proportional use of technology (Jannatun, 2023).

The results of this study align with the findings of (Kurniawan et al., 2025), stated that the simultaneous integration of financial literacy and digital aspects influences the accuracy of students' investments. Furthermore, (Februari, 2024) emphasized that artificial intelligence will function optimally as a decision support system if supported by a strong financial understanding. This empirical evidence further confirms that the combination of financial awareness and artificial intelligence significantly improves the quality of students' financial decision-making.

4. CONCLUSION

This study concludes that financial literacy and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) have a positive and significant impact on the financial decision-making of UINSU students. This is evidenced by the calculated t-value of each variable, which is greater than the t-table (1.986). Simultaneously, both variables also show a strong influence with an Adjusted R² value of 0.785, meaning that 78.5% of the variation in students' financial decisions can be explained by financial literacy and the use of AI, while 21.5% is influenced by other factors outside the model. These findings indicate that improving financial literacy skills needs to be balanced with the wise use of AI to support more effective financial decision-making in the digital era.

The findings of this study indicate that universities need to develop digital financial literacy programs that integrate financial literacy with the use of AI technology. This step is crucial to equip students with the ability to use technology critically and responsibly in financial decision-making. Future research could expand the study by adding other variables, such as income level, social influence, consumer behavior, or trust in technology. Research could also be conducted across different populations and regions to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the relationship between AI and college students' financial behavior.

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