

# Code Submission – March 19, 2026

## Code Assessment Approach

All code submissions will receive a PASS/FAIL determination based on the criteria below.

Projects will be evaluated in three tiers:

Tier 1 (Priority): Code that is well-structured, includes AI/ML, and could successfully run with given/submitted documentation.

Tier 2 (Additional): Code that is well-structured, includes AI/ML, but has execution issues or missing documentation.

Tier 3 (Rejection): Fails the code quality checks or lacks meaningful AI/ML integration.

## Passing Criteria

### 1. Functional Code with Basic Structure

- Code is organized in a logical way
- Follows consistent patterns and naming conventions
- Limited reliance on hardcoded values or "magic numbers"
- Basic separation of concerns (e.g., UI code separate from business logic)

### 2. Purposeful Use of AI/ML

- Use of AI/ML technology is the clear purpose of the project.
- Would the project fail without the Ai component
- Implementation serves a clear purpose within the application
- Integration is functional and demonstrable

### 3. Basic Documentation & Usability

- Project can be successfully executed following provided instructions

## Common Reasons for Failure

- Single monolithic file with no organization
- Excessive hardcoding (e.g., data that should be in a database)
- No functional AI/ML component
- Code fails to run after following instructions