

Dr. Tasha Austin-Williams

Dr. Tasha Austin-Williams is a Principal within Deloitte's Consulting Services business, boasting an extensive career of over 25 years in professional services. Her expertise spans the fields of artificial intelligence (AI) and advanced data analytics across a multitude of domains, including commercial and federal audits, fraud detection and analysis, dispute resolution and investigations, across the education, defense, and international affairs sector.

Tasha assumes a pivotal role in guiding Deloitte's endeavors within the dynamic domain of Artificial Intelligence. Her distinctive contribution resides in pioneering innovative, insight-driven solutions that catalyze profound transformation for her clients' core missions. Tasha provides strategic guidance to C-Suite Executives and management across the government community, aiding them in navigating their agencies' most intricate and distinctive data challenges. Additionally, Tasha is instrumental in assisting organizations in evaluating their readiness for and adoption of AI solutions.

Tasha also serves as the Executive Director of Deloitte's Artificial Intelligence Institute for Government, where she plays a pivotal role in the organization's mission to bolster its capabilities in pivotal domains, particularly in the realm of responsible and ethical AI. Her portfolio encompasses the significant task of amplifying Deloitte's thought leadership and digital footprint within the sphere of AI for the public sector. Central to Tasha's mandate is the orchestration of a multifaceted ecosystem, drawing together diverse stakeholders comprising of government executives, leaders in non-profit organizations, academia, policy makers, and technology firms.

Tasha completed her Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence, which focuses on using AI to detect human bias to address disparities in higher education and with financial inclusion. Beyond her role at Deloitte, Tasha is also a professor at Cornell University teaching a cutting-edge course on AI and Public Policy. Tasha's academic journey also includes earning her bachelor's and master's degree in mathematics from North Carolina Central University, her MBA from Howard University, and she also holds a Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Business Strategy and Applications from University of California, Berkeley, underscoring her commitment to staying at the forefront of technological advancements and their practical applications.