

Avito announced the creation of his own research and development department (R&D), which will be focused on artificial intelligence technologies (AI). The company plans to spend more than 1 billion rubles for three years on the launch of the unit. The main task of the department will be the development of practical solutions that can improve the experience of users on the platform.

The head of the new unit was Alexander Ryzhkov, one of the ten four-fold Kaggle Grandmaster in the world and a former leading researcher of the Laboratory of AI Sber. The department will create working prototypes of technology and transfer them to grocery commands for implementation in Avito services.

Particular attention will be paid to generative models, computer vision, voice technologies, defense protection systems and 3D visualization of goods. Researchers will track world trends, identify promising technologies and determine the priority areas of development based on requests from other departments of the company.

Avito also plans to cooperate with Russian universities and attract students and graduate students to research. As part of past programs, the company has already participated in a summer school on AI, and also launched a master's master's master's science in the IFTI. Until 2028, Avito intends to prepare up to 3,000 specialists in the field of artificial intelligence.

The company's total budget for the development of generative technologies until 2028 will exceed 12 billion rubles.