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Human resource (HR) leaders in medium- to large-sized organizations across the Northeast United States continue to experience challenges when adopting advanced HR technologies, including artificial intelligence, virtual reality, blockchain, and cloud-based systems. HR leaders are concerned about employee resistance to change, limited training resources, and financial constraints, which hinder employee engagement and operational efficiency. Grounded in diffusion of innovations theory, the purpose of this qualitative pragmatic inquiry was to explore the strategies HR leaders implement to successfully integrate advanced HR technologies while maintaining workforce engagement and performance. The participants included six HR leaders from diverse industries with successful experience in adopting HR technology strategies. Data were collected through semistructured interviews and analyzed using Braun and Clarke's six-step thematic analysis process. Four key themes emerged: (a) leadership commitment and strategic alignment, (b) employee engagement and training, (c) overcoming resistance to change, and (d) technology usability and compatibility. The primary recommendation for HR leaders is to create structured, employee-centered adoption plans that align with organizational goals and promote system usability. The implications for positive social change include the potential to strengthen workforce development, support sustainable employment, and foster inclusive workplace practices that encourage employees and the communities they serve.

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## Section 1: Foundation of the Project

### **Background of the Problem**

The increasing demand for innovation in human resource management (HRM) has driven organizations to explore and adopt advanced technological tools to improve efficiency, support employee engagement, and achieve sustainable performance outcomes. Since 2018, the integration of technologies defined in this project as artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR), blockchain, and cloud-based systems has significantly transformed the methods by which organizations recruit, retain, and support their workforce (Grewal et al., 2018). Despite the potential benefits of these innovations, HR leaders in medium- to large-sized organizations, particularly in the Northeast United States, encountered significant barriers to successful integration. The challenges HR leaders faced included employee resistance to technological change, limited alignment between innovation efforts and organizational strategy, inadequate training opportunities, and substantial financial constraints (Budhwar et al., 2022; Mabungela, 2023). Resistance often emerged from concerns about job security, especially when automation altered traditional workflows.

Additionally, the cost of implementing advanced systems created difficulties for organizations with limited financial resources, and the absence of structured training affected employee confidence and system efficiency. The lack of a cohesive and strategic framework for implementing HR technologies intensified operational inefficiencies and compromised employee morale. Many leaders were often unprepared to manage the

human and cultural dimensions of change, which led to disruptions in productivity and organizational performance (Budhwar et al., 2022). These challenges highlighted the essential requirement for HRM strategies that addressed the complexities of innovation adoption. The current study explored how HR leaders developed and applied methods to successfully integrate innovative technologies into their HR practices, while also promoting employee engagement and operational effectiveness.

### **Business Problem Focus and Project Purpose**

The specific business problem was that HR leaders in medium- to large-sized organizations in the Northeast United States struggled to strategically align innovative HR technologies with organizational goals. This misalignment complicated implementation, reduced employee engagement, and hindered operational efficiency (Budhwar et al., 2022; Mabungela, 2023). Therefore, the purpose of this qualitative pragmatic inquiry project was to explore and identify the strategies that HR leaders in medium- to large-sized organizations across the Northeast United States used to incorporate advanced innovative HR technologies into their operations, while simultaneously maintaining employee engagement and improving operational efficiency. This project employed a qualitative pragmatic inquiry research method and design (see Creswell & Poth, 2018; Morgan, 2014). The target population consisted of HR leaders from medium- to large-sized organizations. Participants were selected using purposeful sampling, and the sample size included six individuals.

Eligible participants were required to have direct experience in overseeing or managing the implementation of HR technologies that included AI, VR, blockchain, or cloud-based platforms within their organizations (see Grewal et al., 2018). Access to participants was obtained through professional HR networks, LinkedIn outreach, and referrals. The geographic location of the participants was limited to the Northeast region of the United States. The primary data source for this project was semistructured interviews, which were designed to gather in-depth insights into participants' experiences, challenges, and strategies related to technology integration in HRM. Data were analyzed using Braun and Clarke's (2006) six-step thematic analysis process, which involved familiarization, coding, theme development, review, definition, and reporting.

The participants' experiences aligned with the specific business problem and project purpose because the participants were the individuals responsible for navigating the challenges associated with advanced HR technology adoption (see Budhwar et al., 2022; Mabungela, 2023). The conceptual framework for the project was a composite model combining the diffusion of innovations theory (DIT) by Rogers (2003) and the technology acceptance model (TAM) by Davis (1989). The DIT provided insight into how innovations were adopted within organizations, highlighting factors such as relative advantages, compatibility, complexity, trialability, and observability. The TAM complemented this by emphasizing the psychological factors, specifically perceived usefulness and ease of use, that influenced employee acceptance of new technologies. Together, these theories offered a comprehensive lens for examining the structural and

behavioral aspects of HR technology adoption, grounding the project in established literature and supporting the analysis of leadership strategies for successful HR technology integration.

### **Research Question**

What strategies do HR leaders use to integrate advanced HR technologies while maintaining employee engagement?

### **Assumptions and Limitations**

#### **Assumptions**

Assumptions are fundamental assertions that form the foundation of a research project, including beliefs that influence the research design and methodology but cannot be directly verified (Coleman, 2022; Creswell & Poth, 2018). One assumption made in the current study was that HR leaders who participated in the project provided accurate and comprehensive responses during interviews. This belief was essential due to the credibility of qualitative research, which relies on the openness and honesty of the participants (Malik et al., 2022). Another assumption was that any organizational documents or internal data reviewed accurately reflected HR practices related to technology integration.

These assumptions were essential for maintaining the validity and reliability of research because they ensured that responses from participants were accurate and documentation was pertinent, which provided significant insights into the integration of technologies that included AI, VR, blockchain, and cloud-based systems. However, these

assumptions also presented risks, such as participant bias, incomplete responses, or organizational documents that did not fully capture the breadth of HR practices. To address these challenges, I employed rigorous methods, including data triangulation and Braun and Clarke's (2006) six-step thematic analysis, to ensure reliability and minimize bias in the findings. By meticulously considering and addressing these assumptions through robust research methodologies, I established a transparent framework for generating credible insights into HR technology adoption strategies, thereby making this project a significant contribution to academic knowledge and practical applications in HRM.

### **Limitations**

According to Patton (2015), limitations are weaknesses or constraints that researchers cannot control, which influence the scope, validity, or generalizability of their findings. One limitation of the current project was its focus on medium- to large-sized organizations in the Northeast United States, which may have restricted the applicability of the research to HR practices in other regions or smaller organizations. Additionally, the small sample size of six HR leaders used in this research limited the diversity of perspectives gathered and excluded variations across industries or organizational structures (see Lu et al., 2022). Although narrowing the focus allowed for a more in-depth exploration of relevant data, it limited the broader applicability of the findings. Engaging in detailed qualitative exploration also may not have captured the full range of

HR practices or technology adoption strategies across different types of organizations (see Yoon & Uliassi, 2022).

Recognizing these limitations was crucial for maintaining transparency in research design. Although the findings were not intended to be broadly generalized, they generated valuable, context-specific insights that could inform strategies for HR technology adoption in similar organizational environments (see Guest et al., 2020). Future research may extend this project by broadening geographic or organizational scope to investigate more extensive trends and applications within HR technology. By outlining these assumptions and limitations, the current project ensured a realistic and transparent approach, laying the foundation for credible research outcomes that may contribute to a deeper understanding of the challenges associated with HR technology integration.

### **Transition**

In this section, I outlined the foundational aspects of the project, including general and specific business problems, the purpose of the research, and the conceptual framework that guided the investigation. The discussion highlighted the challenges HR leaders in medium- to large-sized organizations experience when integrating advanced technologies while striving to maintain operational efficiency and employee engagement. Assumptions, limitations, and the project scope were defined to ensure transparency and contextual clarity. These elements established the foundation for exploring strategies HR leaders implemented to overcome barriers to technology adoption and improve

organizational outcomes. A review of existing literature identified key challenges, including resistance to change, financial constraints, and inadequate employee training, further emphasizing the need for targeted interventions in HR technology integration.

In the next section, I review relevant literature on workforce engagement, organizational agility, and barriers to HR technology adoption to identify proven strategies and remaining gaps. These insights informed the exploration of strategies HR leaders employ to overcome adoption challenges, maintain employee engagement, and enhance operational efficiency. Section 3 details the research methodology, including participant selection criteria, data collection methods, and the thematic analysis process. Finally, Section 4 presents the project's findings, discusses their implications for business practices, and offers recommendations for HR leaders seeking to implement advanced technology solutions effectively. Through this structured approach, the research provided actionable strategies that may address the complexities of HR technology adoption while fostering employee engagement and operational efficiency.

## Section 2: Literature Review of Business Consulting Topic

### **A Review of Professional and Academic Literature**

A literature review is important for academic research because it offers a detailed summary of previous publications and studies related to the research topic. In the current research, the focus was on integrating advanced HR technologies, defined as AI, VR, blockchain, and cloud-based systems, within medium- to large-sized organizations, examining both the opportunities and challenges associated with adoption in the Northeast United States. The literature review synthesized existing studies to highlight gaps, conflicts, and major themes in HR technology research. Dodgson (2021) highlighted that conducting a thorough literature review improves the credibility of research and situates it within the broader scholarly environment. The current study was based on a composite conceptual framework combining Rogers's (2003) DIT and Davis's (1989) TAM. DIT includes five critical characteristics, including relative advantages, compatibility, complexity, trialability, and observability, that affected the implementation of technological innovations within organizational settings (Rogers, 2003).

This framework was used to explore the structured decision-making process that assisted HR leaders in navigating adoption barriers and formulating strategic solutions. The TAM suggests that perceived usefulness and ease of use are crucial factors influencing technology adoption. Although the DIT explains the phases of adoption, the TAM addresses the psychological factors that drive technological acceptance among employees, offering a complementary perspective on HR technology integration. To

support data analysis, Braun and Clarke's (2006) six-step thematic analysis method was employed as a structured approach for identifying, analyzing, and reporting recurring patterns across the qualitative data. To conduct a comprehensive literature review, I employed a systematic approach using multiple academic databases and search engines, including ProQuest Central, EBSCOhost, Google Scholar, ABI/INFORM, JSTOR, SAGE Journals, and ScienceDirect.

Key search terms included combinations involving *HR technology integration*, *artificial intelligence in HR*, *organizational agility*, and *employee engagement through technology*. The iterative search process began broadly with terms such as *HR technology adoption* and was refined to more specific queries, such as *AI and employee engagement strategies in medium-to-large enterprises*. To ensure academic rigor and currency, I prioritized sources published between 2019 and 2024. Ulrich's Periodicals Directory was used to verify the peer-reviewed status of each journal, maintaining the scholarly integrity of the references. As shown in Table 1, 94.4% of the references in the literature review and 93.6% in the full study were published within the last 5 years. Additionally, 90.3% of the literature review sources and 89.1% of the full study references were confirmed to be peer reviewed. A total of 72 references were used in the literature review and 110 in the full study, demonstrating comprehensive engagement with recent and credible academic research.

**Table 1***Reference Summary for Literature Review and Full Study*

Category	Literature review	Full study
Total number of references	72	110
Number of recent references	68	103
Percentage of recent references	94.4%	93.6%
Number of peer-reviewed references	65	98
Percentage of peer-reviewed references	90.3%	89.1%

*Note.* Recent references were defined as published between 2019 and 2024. Peer-reviewed was confirmed using Ulrich's Periodicals Directory.

By focusing on peer-reviewed articles and recent publications, the literature review ensured the inclusion of credible and up-to-date studies, addressing the evolving landscape of HR technology adoption. The iterative search strategy identified gaps in the literature, supplemented by conference proceedings and industry reports, which provided comprehensive insights into the topic. This approach aligned with scholarly standards, facilitating a balanced and nuanced analysis.

### **Application to the Applied Business Problem**

The purpose of this qualitative pragmatic inquiry was to identify and explore effective strategies for HR leaders in medium- to large-sized organizations to integrate advanced technologies, including AI, VR, blockchain, and cloud-based systems, into HRM practices while retaining employee engagement and operational efficiency. I

utilized a composite conceptual framework that integrated Rogers's (2003) DIT theory and Davis's (1989) TAM. The DIT theory provided a systematic foundation for analyzing the adoption and integration of new technologies within organizational environments, while the TAM emphasized perceived usefulness and ease of use as critical factors influencing employee acceptance of technology. Together, these frameworks enabled me to explore how HR leaders navigated obstacles to adoption, enhanced strategic planning, and achieved competitive advantages (see Dyer & Singh, 1998).

HR leaders frequently encountered significant barriers when integrating sophisticated technologies into HRM practices. These barriers encompassed technological complexities, workforce resistance to change, financial investment demands, and regulatory compliance issues (Al Balushi, 2021; Bauer et al., 2021). Employees often resisted new technologies due to apprehensions regarding job displacement, unfamiliarity with digital technology, and potential workflow disruptions (Gebresenbet et al., 2023). Furthermore, financial limitations impeded the implementation of new innovative HR solutions, especially for medium- to large-sized organizations that had to allocate resources carefully (Li et al., 2023). The effective integration of new HR technologies relied on strategic leadership, workforce readiness, and organizational alignment. Leaders who proactively addressed workforce concerns and implemented comprehensive training programs tended to reduce resistance to change and enhance employee engagement (Kotter, 2012).

Additionally, organizations that strategically allocated financial resources and aligned technology initiatives with business objectives were more likely to achieve long-term operational efficiency. DIT enabled HR leaders to assess factors such as compatibility, trialability, and observability, while the TAM provided insight into employee perceptions of usefulness and ease of use, both of which were crucial for promoting successful technology adoption. By leveraging these complementary frameworks, HR leaders were better positioned to balance technological advancement with human factors, ensuring that employee engagement was preserved even as digital systems transformed HR operations. This synthesis addressed a central tension in prior research, where some studies emphasized efficiency gains while others underscored risks of workforce disengagement. Comparing findings, the literature review revealed variance based on organizational size and geographic location, with U.S.-based studies highlighting regulatory concerns and international studies emphasizing cultural and workforce readiness challenges.

### **Conceptual Framework: DIT vs. TAM**

DIT, developed by Rogers in 2003, established the framework for this investigation and described how businesses adopted and incorporated new HR technologies. The DIT highlighted important elements that influenced how technological advances were implemented in organizations, including relative advantage, compatibility, complexity, trialability, and observability (Rogers, 2003). This framework provided a structured decision-making process that assisted HR leaders in navigating adoption

barriers and formulating strategic solutions. In contrast, the TAM by Davis (1989) emphasized perceived usefulness and ease of use as crucial factors influencing technology adoption. While the DIT explained the phases of adoption and organizational diffusion, the TAM focused on the psychological factors influencing technology acceptance among employees. DIT emphasized systemic and organizational barriers to adoption, whereas TAM provided insight into individual employee attitudes and motivations toward adopting HR technology (Venkatesh & Davis, 2000).

Together, these frameworks offered complementary perspectives: DIT illuminated organizational readiness and structural alignment, while TAM clarified the micro-level dynamics of employee perception and engagement. By combining these theories, this project extended beyond examining adoption as a purely technical process and instead positioned HR technology integration as both a strategic leadership challenge and a human-centered transformation. This dual approach also aligned with the applied business problem by connecting organizational efficiency with employee engagement as interdependent outcomes of technological adoption. By incorporating both the DIT and TAM frameworks, this research provided an analysis of organizational and behavioral factors influencing HR technology adoption, considering structural issues encountered by leaders as well as individual user perceptions relevant to implementation.

### **Technology-Driven Challenges**

HR leaders encountered considerable challenges in integrating advanced technologies into HRM practices. These challenges stemmed from the complexities of

technological adaptation, workforce resistance, financial constraints, and regulatory compliance issues (Al Balushi, 2021; Bauer et al., 2021). Employees frequently resisted new technologies due to job security concerns, unfamiliarity with digital tools, and potential workflow disruptions (Gebresenbet et al., 2023). In some cases, organizations also struggled to modify or replace legacy HR systems, resulting in delays, inefficiencies, and integration gaps (Malik et al., 2022). To address these challenges, HR leaders instituted comprehensive training programs, established clear communication protocols, and executed phased technology implementations.

A transparent and adaptable work environment fostered employee engagement and minimized resistance (Bai et al., 2023). Organizations aligned HR technology initiatives with broader business objectives to ensure successful adoption. The rapid progression of technological advancements involved ongoing workflow modifications, compelling HR leaders to establish systematic training to prepare employees (Li et al., 2023). Workforce resistance often arose from anxieties around job stability and uncertainty concerning new learning demands (Zhang et al., 2023). The implementation of HR technologies necessitated strategic planning, alignment with organizational capabilities, and workforce readiness.

When HR leaders failed to address these barriers, organizations risked inefficiencies, lower employee engagement, and ineffective utilization of technology assets. Proactive leadership, transparent communication, and targeted training initiatives mitigated resistance and fostered employee confidence when using new systems. To

navigate technology-driven challenges effectively, HR leaders implemented structured training programs, encouraged open communication, and aligned new technologies with employee needs. By cultivating a culture of adaptability and engagement, organizations were able to successfully navigate obstacles associated with adoption. The discussion also extended to financial and leadership limitations that complicated HR technology integration, highlighting the importance of strategic resource allocation, visionary leadership, and organizational commitment to sustain long-term adoption success.

### **Business Problem Scholarship Evidence**

#### ***Financial and Leadership Inadequacies***

Financial limitations and leadership deficiencies presented significant obstacles to the successful adoption of HR technologies. Shet et al. (2021) observed that the substantial initial investment costs and continuous maintenance expenses associated with advanced technologies frequently discouraged organizations from pursuing technology adoption. Organizations with constrained resources often experience delays or incomplete integration, hindering their ability to fully benefit from digital transformation.

Additionally, limited leadership vision and a lack of strategic alignment negatively impacted the implementation process (Korzynski et al., 2024). Without strategic leadership, technology initiatives became fragmented, underutilized, or met with resistance from employees. Financial and leadership constraints compounded the barriers that hindered successful HR technology integration.

Organizations that failed to allocate sufficient resources to technological investments experienced diminished operational efficiency and reduced workforce engagement. Inadequate leadership, characterized by a lack of clear direction and support for technological adoption, led to misalignment between innovative initiatives and business objectives (Bingham, 2023). However, when leaders engaged in proactive planning, transparent communication, and workforce development, they established a foundation for overcoming financial constraints and ensuring technology adoption aligned with organizational goals (Brix, 2019). Addressing financial and leadership inadequacies required a strategic approach that prioritized long-term investment in HR technology and strong leadership engagement (Patterson et al., 2022). Organizations that implemented phased technology adoption, leveraged cost-effective digital solutions, and developed leadership capacity were better positioned to support successful integration. This discussion also considered the broader social and economic constraints that complicated HR technology adoption, including market competition, shifting labor demographics, and global economic uncertainty, while outlining strategies for overcoming these barriers.

### ***Social and Economic Constraints***

Social and economic constraints presented unique obstacles for HR leaders attempting to integrate advanced technologies, particularly in organizations facing resource limitations and economic instability. Bauer et al. (2021) emphasized that inconsistencies in organizational resource allocation frequently affected the success of

technology-driven projects. Organizations with limited financial and technical resources experienced uneven adoption rates, which led to operational inefficiencies and reduced employee morale. Grewal et al. (2018) noted that economic instability, regulatory uncertainties, and fluctuating market conditions often created reluctance to invest in transformative technologies. In this unpredictable business environment, HR leaders were required to balance innovation with financial sustainability. Social and economic disparities also contributed to unequal access to technological advancements, particularly for organizations operating within financially constrained environments. When organizations had the necessary funding or expertise to implement new HR technologies, employees often relied on inconsistent or underdeveloped digital systems, which reduced workforce engagement and contributed to resistance to change.

Financial limitations and insufficient digital readiness hindered effective HR technology deployment, causing inefficiencies and workforce disengagement (Bai et al., 2023; Budhwar et al., 2022). Economic uncertainties and regulatory challenges further compounded these issues, prompting some organizations to delay or abandon digital transformation efforts altogether (Bakare et al., 2024; Malik et al., 2024). In response, HR leaders implemented adaptive approaches such as phased rollouts, cross-sector collaborations, and strategic investments in workforce development and infrastructure (Apascaritei & Elvira, 2022; Groenewald et al., 2024). These strategic responses not only helped maintain workforce morale and operational consistency but also aligned technological innovation with long-term organizational resilience and sustainability

goals. Ultimately, the success of HR technology adoption depends not only on access to financial and technical resources but also on leadership agility and strategic alignment across organizational levels. Organizations that combined resource optimization with visionary leadership were best positioned to overcome social and economic constraints while maintaining employee engagement and supporting sustainable growth.

### **Business Topic Scholarship**

#### ***Regulatory Compliance and Risk Factors***

Regulatory compliance and risk management were critical for successful integration into HR technologies, as failure to address these factors could lead to legal penalties, data breaches, and operational disruptions. Taquette and Borges da Matta Souza (2022) highlighted the necessity of robust data protection measures in blockchain and AI-based HR systems to ensure compliance with privacy regulations. Organizations that failed to meet these regulatory requirements risked financial penalties and reputational damage. Haywood (2022) emphasized that comprehensive risk mitigation strategies positioned organizations to address challenges, including system failures, employee dissatisfaction, and cybersecurity threats. The rapid advancement of HR technologies introduced increasingly complex regulatory and risk considerations, requiring proactive measures from HR.

Without adequate compliance measures, organizations struggled to protect sensitive employee data, which heightened the risk of breaches and violations of privacy laws. Furthermore, inadequate risk management led to operational disruptions, adversely

affecting employee trust and engagement. Integrating compliance-driven strategies, HR leaders minimize risks while utilizing technology to improve HRM functions. The DIT offered insight into how the perceived complexity and compatibility of technology were influenced by regulatory demands, often slowing adoption if compliance requirements were not addressed early in the process. TAM suggested that effective data security and risk management increased employees' trust and perceived usefulness of new systems, which resulted in higher acceptance rates.

To effectively navigate regulatory and risk factors, HR leaders prioritized risk assessments, implemented secure data protection frameworks, and fostered an organizational culture centered on compliance and cybersecurity (Brix, 2019). Implementing proactive measures influenced regulatory adherence while safeguarding organizational integrity. These actions also reinforced DIT's observability factor, allowing employees to see the benefits of compliant systems, while also aligning with TAM's ease-of-use factor by ensuring that security measures did not create unnecessary barriers for users. The integration of blockchain, advanced data protection, and cybersecurity solutions in HRM illustrated how compliance and risk management could serve as enablers of trust, transparency, and innovation. By embedding regulatory and risk considerations into the adoption process, organizations created a more secure and resilient foundation for HR technology integration

### ***Impact of Blockchain and Data Security in HRM***

Blockchain technology has the potential to enhance Human Resource Management by providing secure, transparent, and tamper-proof record-keeping, minimizing fraud, and ensuring compliance with data protection regulations. Before deployment, organizations evaluated technical proficiency, financial implications, and employee adoption rates. Li et al. (2023) stressed that blockchain in HRM improved record security, payroll processing, and compliance tracking by ensuring transparency and reducing administrative burdens. Additionally, Zhu et al. (2021) highlighted blockchain's role in encrypting and securing sensitive HR data, like employee contracts and background checks, minimizing the risk of unauthorized access and data breaches. Despite these benefits, Bakare et al. (2024) noted that organizations had to comply with evolving data privacy laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and manage both financial and technical barriers to implementing blockchain. The decentralized structure of blockchain promoted trust and accountability in HR operations by ensuring the security and immutability of employee data.

These benefits ensured adherence to regulatory mandates and preserved confidential employee data. However, the adoption of blockchain technology included hurdles like substantial implementation expenses, technological intricacies, and requirements for workforce transformation (Pulido-Martos et al., 2024). Organizations with limited resources struggled to incorporate blockchain into HR processes. From the perspective of DIT, blockchain's complexity and the perceived cost-benefit ratio

significantly influenced adoption decisions, particularly in resource-constrained environments. The TAM further suggested that employees' perceived usefulness of blockchain, especially in improving security and transparency, was critical for driving acceptance, provided the systems remained user-friendly and did not hinder workflows.

To maximize advantages while mitigating risks, HR leaders thoroughly assessed the viability of blockchain adoption, assuring compatibility with organizational capabilities and regulatory standards. They also addressed DIT's compatibility and trialability factors by piloting blockchain solutions in smaller HR functions before rolling them out organization-wide, while utilizing TAM's ease-of-use principle to ensure that security features did not create adoption barriers. The strategic deployment of blockchain in HRM transformed data security and compliance initiatives while minimizing fraud and administrative inefficiencies (Asif, 2019). HR leaders reviewed the advantages of transparency and security concerning the challenges of adoption and regulatory compliance. They formulated and structured strategies for technological integration, ensuring that innovations are aligned with organizational goals and workforce awareness.

### **Conceptual Framework and Strategies**

Rogers' (2003) diffusion of innovations theory provided a conceptual framework for analyzing HR technology adoption, enabling HR leaders to assess barriers and devise methods for effective integration. This framework outlined key characteristics involving relative advantages, compatibility, and complexity that influenced adoption rates and required strategic leadership and resource allocation for successful implementation in

HRM. The theory introduced 5 stages of innovation adoption, including knowledge, persuasion, decision, implementation, and confirmation, which provide HR leaders with a roadmap for managing technological transitions. Douglas et al. (2022) emphasized that leadership commitment and targeted workforce training are essential for overcoming resistance and ensuring employees are equipped with the necessary skills to adopt new technologies. In addition to DIT, the TAM complements this framework by emphasizing employees' perceptions of usefulness and ease of use as pivotal factors in adoption.

This consideration was especially pertinent within blockchain technologies and sophisticated HR systems, where it was essential to implement security enhancements without compromising workflow efficiency. Wei and Shen (2025) found that organizations integrating transparent communication, phased implementation, and ongoing feedback mechanisms experience higher success rates in technological adoption. This aligns with both the DIT's trialability and TAM's ease-of-use principles. These approaches assisted HR leaders in addressing concerns associated with change management, technological disruptions, and operational efficiency. Strategic leadership and efficient resource allocation allowed organizations to integrate new HR technologies without disrupting existing workflows.

Clear communication and progressive adoption strategies equipped employees with the necessary support to navigate technological shifts, reducing uncertainty and promoting acceptance. Continuous feedback systems reinforced the efficacy of technology integration by allowing organizations to optimize operations and address

emerging challenges. By applying Rogers' (2003) DIT alongside TAM, HR leaders systematically assessed and implemented technology adoption methods aligned with organizational goals, while ensuring that employee experience remains central to the process. By prioritizing leadership support, employee training, organized communication, and user-friendly systems, organizations improved the probability of successful integration while preserving operational efficiency (Alerasoul et al., 2022). The application of evidence-based approaches, including phased implementation and feedback-driven adjustments, strengthened HR leaders' capacity to manage technological transitions effectively.

### **Practical Implications for HR Technology Integration**

This research analyzed feasible techniques that HR leaders implemented to adapt and address issues associated with the integration of new technologies into HRM practices. These techniques prioritized minimizing labor resistance, connecting innovations with corporate objectives, and promoting leadership-driven initiatives for technological adoption. According to Malik et al. (2022), organizations that aggressively addressed employee concerns and implemented structured training programs underwent smoother transitions during technology adoption, reducing the likelihood of operational disruptions. Similarly, Groenewald et al. (2024) highlighted that leadership engagement was essential for aligning technological integration with long-term business goals, ensuring that technology adoption supported rather than competed with core organizational objectives. Bauer et al. (2021) emphasized that synchronizing

technological innovations with workforce engagement techniques during the adoption phase ensured employee acceptance and sustained operational efficiency. HR leaders adopted standardized methodologies for technology implementation that encompassed effective and clear communication, workforce training, and a roadmap for leadership engagement. By addressing employee concerns and fostering a culture of innovation, resistance was reduced, thereby enhancing the integration process.

Leadership-led initiatives, such as transparent phased adoption strategies and involving employees in decision-making, ensured a smoother transition. Aligning HR technology initiatives with broader corporate goals ensured that new technologies contributed to long-term business success instead of being viewed as disruptive alterations (Dung & Hai, 2020). The findings also revealed that financial constraints, cultural resistance, and compliance requirements were among the most significant obstacles HR leaders encountered during integration. Addressing these issues has required evidence-based strategies that combined leadership commitment, employee engagement, and resource allocation. This research yielded actionable insights into leadership-driven strategies, workforce engagement methods, and alignment of technological adoption with organizational goals. The practical implications extended beyond academic theory, providing HR leaders with a structured roadmap for managing resistance, preserving operational efficiency, and ensuring technology-supported growth.

## Literature Review Summary

The integration of advanced technologies, including AI, VR, blockchain, and cloud-based systems, into HRM presented both opportunities and barriers for HR leaders in medium- to large-sized organizations. Addressing these barriers required strategic leadership, personnel training, and financial planning to facilitate effective technology adoption. Key factors like employee resistance, financial constraints, regulatory compliance, and data security had to be addressed to support a smooth transition and sustain operational efficiency. Rogers' (2003) DIT provided a systematic lens to understand technology adoption, emphasizing leadership commitment, organizational readiness, and employee engagement as critical determinants of success. Blockchain technology, for instance, provided improved data protection, compliance assurance, and system transparency, but its implementation required organizational competence, technical expertise, and resource allocation (Jiang et al., 2024).

HR leaders played a pivotal role in evaluating these factors and executing strategies that aligned technology integration with organizational goals. By proactively addressing workforce adaptability, regulatory issues, and financial limitations, they strengthened organizational agility and minimized disruptions. Furthermore, formulating comprehensive strategies for technology adoption enabled HR leaders to optimize HR activities while aligning with overarching and broader business goals. Effective leadership engagement, structured training programs, and continuous evaluation processes were key drivers of long-term competitiveness in an ever-changing digital

environment (Adie et al., 2022). As organizations adopted AI, VR, blockchain, and cloud-based systems, the ability to align these innovations with strategic goals determined success in sustaining employee engagement and operational excellence.

### **Transition**

The integration of advanced technologies into HRM presents both opportunities and challenges for medium-to-large-sized organizations. Successful adoption requires strategic leadership, workforce preparedness, and financial planning to address barriers such as resistance, compliance, and security. Rogers' (2003) Diffusion of Innovations theory and Davis's (1989) Technology Acceptance Model provided complementary insights into understanding how organizations adopt technology and how employees accept and use it. Blockchain, AI, VR, and cloud-based systems were highlighted in the literature as transformative tools, particularly for enhancing data security, regulatory compliance, and efficiency (Jiang et al., 2024).

Aligning these innovations with organizational goals, while fostering leadership-driven strategies and employee engagement, was critical to sustaining competitiveness and success. In Section 3, I present the qualitative research methodology used for this project, including participant selection, data collection techniques, and analytical frameworks designed to examine effective HR technology adoption strategies. Section 4 then details the project's findings, provides practical recommendations for HR leaders, and discusses how organizations refined their HR technology integration processes to strengthen engagement and operational efficiency.

### Section 3: Research Project Methodology

#### **Capstone Research Project Ethics**

As the researcher, I served as the principal instrument for data collection and data analysis. This role involved conducting in-depth interviews, engaging directly with participants, and systematically coding the data to identify emerging patterns and themes. Because qualitative research relies on the researcher's interpretive lens, I bore responsibility for ensuring accuracy, credibility, and fairness throughout the process (see Adler, 2022). My role required me to maintain objectivity, practice transparency, and uphold ethical responsibility at each stage of the project. I acknowledged that my perspectives and prior academic and professional background in HRM and technology adoption could have influenced the interpretation of data. Recognizing these potential biases was essential in preserving the integrity of the research findings. To mitigate bias and strengthen trustworthiness, I employed strategies such as bracketing, reflexive journaling, peer review, and member checking.

Bracketing allowed me to consciously set aside preconceived notions, while reflexive journaling encouraged continual self-assessment regarding my assumptions and interpretations. Peer review provided critical feedback from academic colleagues, helping me refine coding strategies and confirm thematic accuracy. Member checking gave participants the opportunity to review and confirm their responses, ensuring their voices were represented accurately and equitably. I had no direct personal or professional relationship with participants, which reduced the likelihood of favoritism or undue

influence. Although I possessed relevant industry knowledge, this served to provide contextual understanding of HR technology integration rather than shape participant responses. Ethical responsibility guided every stage of this project.

I adhered to the principles outlined in the Belmont Report, including respect for persons, beneficence, and justice (see McCracken, 2020; Siddiqui & Sharp, 2021). These principles ensured that all participation was voluntary, that individuals were treated equitably, and that participants were protected from potential harm. Each participant received an informed consent form, which described the project's objectives, research procedures, potential risks and benefits, and participants' rights to withdraw at any time without penalty (see Eeckhout et al., 2022). To reinforce respect for autonomy, I excluded data from the final analysis if any participant chose to withdraw (see Shet et al., 2021). Email invitations were included in Appendix D for transparency and documentation. To acknowledge the time and contributions of participants, I provided each participant with a modest incentive of a \$25 gift card. This approach ensured recognition without exerting coercive pressure.

Confidentiality was also prioritized through multiple safeguards. All identifying information was removed from transcripts, and pseudonyms were assigned to participants and organizations. Digital data were stored securely in a password-protected, encrypted database, with access restricted to me alone. Following Walden University guidelines, all data will be retained for 5 years before secure deletion, thereby complying with institutional protocols for data management (see Dodgson, 2021). Finally, this project

was conducted under the oversight of Walden University's Institutional Review Board (IRB), which approved the project under IRB approval number 03-20-25-1201608. This approval ensured that all research activities were consistent with established ethical standards for doctoral research.

### **Nature of the Project**

I employed the qualitative research method to explore how HR leaders developed strategies for integrating advanced HR technologies while maintaining employee engagement and operational efficiency. A qualitative approach was selected because it facilitated a thorough analysis of participants' lived experiences, organizational culture, and leadership practices, areas that could not be explored using quantitative methods. Köhler et al. (2023) argued that qualitative approaches highlight unique participant perspectives, making it possible to uncover the human dimensions of organizational change, such as resistance, trust, and leadership engagement. Braun and Clarke (2021) further contended that qualitative inquiry provides the depth required to analyze complex social phenomena, including the adoption of disruptive technologies in the workplace. By grounding the current study in the qualitative tradition, I sought to produce rich, contextualized insights into how HR leaders addressed technical and human challenges in digital transformation.

I also applied a pragmatic inquiry design, which was selected as the most suitable qualitative design for this project. Pragmatic inquiry emphasizes real-world problem solving, practical decision making, and iterative learning in dynamic organizational

environments (Kelly & Cordeiro, 2020). This design was relevant in exploring the unpredictable nature of technology adoption, where leaders needed to balance compliance requirements, financial limitations, and workforce needs while implementing AI, blockchain, and cloud-based HR systems. Unlike rigid theoretical models, pragmatic inquiry offered flexibility while remaining systematic, allowing HR professionals to share actionable practices for overcoming barriers to engagement and technology use. Through this approach, the project aligned with its intent to explore strategies that were not only theoretically sound but also implementable in diverse business contexts.

By combining the qualitative method with pragmatic inquiry, I sought to provide scholarly and practical contributions. The qualitative approach provided an in-depth understanding of how leaders navigated organizational obstacles, while the pragmatic inquiry design emphasized solutions that could be adapted to real-world practice. Prior studies supported this approach, noting that pragmatic inquiry in business research encouraged cost-effective, innovative, and evidence-based decision making (Adler, 2022; Pope et al., 2000). This integration ensured that the current project would generate essential insights into technology-driven transformation, including best practices for HR leaders who sought to sustain engagement, improve efficiency, and safeguard alignment with corporate goals. The methodology produced findings that addressed the academic demand for rigor and the organizational need for relevance.

### **Population, Sampling, and Participants**

The population for this project consisted of HR leaders from medium-to-large-sized organizations located in the Northeast United States. Eligible participants were individuals engaged in the integration, management, or oversight of advanced HR technologies such as AI, VR, blockchain, and cloud-based systems. To qualify, participants needed to hold a leadership role in HRM (e.g., HR director, talent acquisition specialist, or HR technology manager), have at least 3 years of experience with HR technology implementation, and demonstrate familiarity with strategic decision-making processes related to technology adoption (see Malik et al., 2024; Pulido-Martos et al., 2024). Participants were required to meet these criteria to ensure they possessed the requisite expertise to contribute meaningful insights relevant to the overarching purpose of the current project. Purposive sampling was used to identify participants, ensuring that only those with appropriate professional knowledge and experience were included. Ames et al. (2019) explained that purposive sampling enhances credibility by selecting individuals capable of providing in-depth and relevant perspectives. Similarly, Deng et al. (2019) emphasized the method's effectiveness for exploring complex organizational phenomena such as leadership strategies, workforce training, and responses to resistance during technology adoption.

For this project, a small yet focused sample size of six participants was sufficient to reach data saturation, consistent with Guest et al.'s (2020) guidance that saturation is often achieved with fewer than ten participants when the group shares high levels of

expertise and contextual similarity. Data saturation was determined when no new patterns, themes, or perspectives emerged from the interviews, thereby confirming the adequacy of the sample size. Access to participants was obtained through professional HR networks and industry-specific forums. Outreach was conducted via the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), LinkedIn professional groups, HR technology sites, and direct invitations to HR departments in medium-to-large-sized organizations (Apascaritei & Elvira, 2022). Additionally, industry conferences and HR technology-related events provided opportunities to connect with potential participants. To establish trust, I sent introductory emails outlining the purpose of the research, confidentiality protections, and the voluntary nature of participation.

This initial contact emphasized transparency and allowed prospective participants to make informed decisions about their involvement in the project. Developing a working relationship with participants was critical to promoting open and authentic dialogue. I clarified the objectives of the research, described the expected time commitment, and reinforced confidentiality measures before scheduling interviews. Flexible interview scheduling was offered to accommodate participants' availability, and communication remained professional and respectful throughout the process (Nowacki & Monk, 2020). By maintaining transparency and consistency, I fostered an environment where participants felt comfortable sharing candid insights into their experiences with HR technology adoption. Confidentiality and ethical values were maintained throughout the project.

Each participant provided written informed consent after reviewing the consent form, which described the research purpose, data use, potential risks and benefits, and the right to withdraw at any time without consequence (Bates et al., 2023; Eeckhout et al., 2022). Participants' identities and organizational affiliations were anonymized, and all data were securely stored in a password-protected, encrypted system accessible only to the researcher (Dodgson, 2021). In alignment with Walden University's IRB guidelines, the data will be retained for five years before secure deletion. These measures, combined with adherence to the Belmont Report's principles of respect, beneficence, and justice, ensured that participants were treated ethically and equitably (McCracken, 2020; Siddiqui & Sharp, 2021). By engaging HR leaders with substantial expertise in AI, VR, blockchain, and cloud-based systems, the project generated insights that advanced the understanding of HR technology adoption strategies. The purposive sampling method and targeted eligibility criteria enhanced validity across industries while ensuring that findings aligned with the overarching research purpose of exploring strategies HR leaders used to integrate innovative technologies effectively.

### **Data Collection Activities**

Data collection activities were referred to as the systematic process of gathering information to answer the overarching research question and achieve the project's objectives (Mwita, 2022). For this qualitative doctoral project, I employed multiple techniques to ensure the credibility, reliability, and trustworthiness of the findings. The primary method was semistructured interviews with HR leaders. These interviews were

selected because they provided both consistency and flexibility, ensuring that all participants were asked core, research-aligned questions while allowing space to pursue emerging themes and clarify responses (Braun & Clarke, 2021). This approach was especially appropriate given the project's focus on complex experiences with integrating advanced HR technologies such as AI, blockchain, and cloud-based systems into organizational processes (Buys et al., 2022). An interview protocol was developed to maintain structure and rigor across all interviews. The protocol included an introductory script, the central interview questions, and follow-up prompts for deeper exploration of participant perspectives.

The use of an interview protocol served two purposes: (a) it ensured consistency across participants, which increased reliability, and (b) it provided a transparent framework that safeguarded against researcher bias (Yeong et al., 2018). The protocol was field-tested and refined to confirm alignment with the central research question, and a copy was included in the Appendix, as indicated in the Table of Contents. Participants were selected through purposive sampling, targeting HR leaders with direct experience in technology integration. After receiving informed consent, I scheduled and conducted one-on-one interviews via Zoom, a platform selected for its accessibility, recording capability, and secure environment (Archibald et al., 2019). Each interview lasted approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Zoom also provided the ability to observe non-verbal cues, which enhanced engagement and interpretation (Olliffe et al., 2021).

All interviews were recorded with participant permission and later transcribed verbatim for analysis. Following the initial interviews, I conducted follow-up member-checking sessions of 10–15 minutes with each participant. In these sessions, participants were provided with their transcripts and preliminary interpretations, allowing them to confirm the accuracy of their statements and clarify any misinterpretations. Member checking, as described by Birt et al. (2016) and Lim (2024), strengthened the credibility of the data by incorporating participants' active validation. Additionally, I reviewed publicly available organizational documents, reports, and quality records with participant consent to ensure triangulation. As Dobakhti (2020) emphasized, triangulating across multiple data sources enhances both reliability and validity by corroborating findings from different perspectives.

To ensure dependability and transparency, all steps of the data collection process were documented in alignment with the interview protocol. Confidentiality was maintained by anonymizing all transcripts, masking participant and organizational identifiers, and storing digital data in a password-protected, encrypted database. Access to the data was restricted to the researcher, and all files will be securely deleted after five years, following Walden University IRB requirements. The interview protocol, questions, LinkedIn recruitment post, and email invitation were located in the Appendices and referenced in the Table of Contents to provide a clear audit trail. By employing semistructured interviews, systematic protocols, member checking, and document review, the data collection process adhered to established qualitative research standards. This

multi-method, ethically guided approach ensured that the project captured rich, credible insights into HR leaders' strategies for integrating advanced technologies, while safeguarding participant rights and minimizing bias.

### **Interview Questions**

The following interview questions were designed to explore HR leaders' strategies for integrating advanced HR technologies while maintaining employee engagement and operational efficiency. Each question aligned with the research objectives and allowed participants to share detailed insights based on their experiences.

1. How would you describe your experience integrating advanced HR technologies such as AI, VR, blockchain, or cloud-based systems into HR processes?
2. What challenges did you encounter during the adoption and implementation of these technologies, and how did you address them?
3. How did you ensure that the integration of HR technologies aligned with your strategic goals and workforce needs?
4. In what ways has leadership played a role in facilitating or hindering the adoption of new HR technologies?
5. What strategies did you implement to address employee resistance to adopting new HR technologies?
6. How did you measure the impact of technology adoption on employee engagement?

7. What training or support programs did you find most effective in helping employees adapt to new HR technologies?
8. How would you describe successful HR technology integration? What factors contributed to its success?
9. How did you ensure data security and regulatory compliance when implementing new HR technologies?
10. What lessons did you learn from your experience with HR technology adoption that you would share with other HR leaders?

### **Data Organization and Analysis Techniques**

Effective data organization was essential for maintaining transparency, accuracy, and credibility throughout this qualitative project. I employed research logs, reflective journals, and a systematic cataloging process to document each phase of the research. The research logs recorded interview schedules, participant identifiers, and early thematic ideas, while reflective journaling enabled me to note personal insights and track potential biases that could have shaped interpretation. All interview transcripts, notes, and other qualitative data were organized into categorized electronic documents to improve accessibility and referencing (Cloutier & Ravasi, 2021). In adherence to IRB requirements, participants' names and contact info were maintained in an autonomous, secure file, separately from the research data, to ensure confidentiality. Data was securely preserved and stored for 5 years before permanent deletion to protect participant privacy and compliance with ethical research guidelines.

Thematic analysis served as the main method for data analysis, adhering to the six-step procedure established by Braun and Clarke (2006). The procedure incorporated (1) data familiarization, (2) initial code generation, (3) theme identification, (4) theme evaluation, (5) theme definition and names, and (6) final report synthesis. Thematic analysis facilitated an extensive analysis of patterns and themes in the data, ensuring that innovations are systematically recognized and classified (Bingham, 2023). A preliminary review of documents was performed to provide an industrial context before the interviews (Arntson & Yoon, 2023). This stage enhanced my understanding of technological adoption patterns in HR and contributed to the formulation of the interview methodology. I utilized Atlas.ti software to facilitate the systematic coding and analysis of large volumes of textual data (Richards, 1999).

The software streamlined categorization, theme identification, and mind-mapping of research results, ensuring consistency and rigor in data analysis. The program assisted in categorizing themes and subthemes based on participant interviews, facilitating cross-analysis with outcomes from literature (Lu et al., 2022). The conceptual framework of Rogers' (2003) diffusion of innovations theory facilitated authentication, ensuring that essential properties related to competitive advantage, compatibility, and complexity were addressed throughout the analysis. The emerging topics were contrasted with earlier research, particularly recently published literature, to ensure that findings were relevant and aligned with contemporary industry trends. Leveraging theme analysis through Atlas.ti, I meticulously categorized and analyzed data while maintaining consistency with

the project framework and existing literature. Ensuring a secure and systematic data organization method boosted the reliability and validity of this qualitative research project, ensuring that the findings provided significant insights into HR technology adoption.

## **Reliability and Validity**

### **Reliability**

Reliability refers to the soundness of the research design, the appropriateness of the methods chosen, and how consistently those methods were applied throughout the project (Rose & Johnson, 2020). In qualitative research, reliability relates to the dependability and consistency of findings, as well as the transparency of methodological procedures over time (Creswell & Poth, 2018; Rose & Johnson, 2020). To address reliability in this project, I employed member checking, allowing participants to review their interview transcripts to confirm the accuracy of their responses and to clarify or expand on key points. This strategy minimized misinterpretations and supported the credibility of the data.

Additionally, I maintained a detailed audit trail, including research logs, reflective journals, and procedural memos, to document the data collection and analysis process clearly. Interview protocols (Appendix A) and semistructured interview questions (Appendix B) were developed and reviewed to ensure alignment with the research questions and to reduce potential bias during interviews. Peer debriefing and inquiry audits were also utilized, provided external oversight, and further confirmed that the

project's methodological processes were systematically applied. These combined strategies ensured that the project's design and execution were consistent, transparent, and replicable, thereby strengthening the dependability of the findings (Mattimoe et al., 2021).

### **Validity**

Validity in qualitative research refers to the degree to which findings authentically represent the experiences, meanings, and realities of participants (Creswell & Poth, 2018; Rose & Johnson, 2020). The project encompassed several dimensions, including credibility, transferability, confirmability, and data saturation. To ensure credibility, I implemented multiple strategies. First, I used data triangulation by incorporating evidence from semi-structured interviews, publicly available business documents, and scholarly literature on HR technology adoption (Godfrey-Faussett, 2022). This cross-verification enhanced the authenticity and robustness of my interpretations. Second, I engaged in reflective journaling to document my thought processes, assumptions, and potential biases throughout the project. Transferability was supported by providing thick descriptions of the organizational settings, participant roles, and contextual factors that shaped their experiences.

This allows readers to determine the applicability of the project's findings to similar contexts (Crisman, 2023). Participant recruitment was conducted through snowball sampling, which facilitated access to HR leaders from diverse industries and enhanced the relevance of the findings. Confirmability was strengthened using Atlas.ti

software is used to manage, code, and analyze the data systematically. Additionally, the coding structure and thematic analysis underwent peer review by a doctoral mentor to ensure that interpretations were accurately linked to the data (Bingham, 2023). The external audit confirmed the objectivity and traceability of the analysis. Data saturation was reached through iterative data collection and analysis. Interviews continued until no new themes or insights emerged.

The final dataset was systematically coded and reviewed multiple times, ensuring that all significant patterns were comprehensively analyzed and documented. I utilized a validity framework that included transaction validity (validating themes with participants) and transformational validity (aiming for organizational improvement), as described by Rose and Johnson (2020). Ethical safeguards further supported the validity of the findings. Informed consent was obtained from all participants before data collection, with the email invitation available in Appendix D. Furthermore, this project adhered to human research protection protocols and was conducted by individuals who received formal training, as documented in the LinkedIn Recruitment Post found in Appendix C. These efforts collectively ensured that the project met rigorous standards of accuracy, trustworthiness, and relevance.

### **Transition and Summary**

In this section, I highlighted the research method involving the qualitative approach, pragmatic inquiry design, population and sampling strategy, data collection procedures, data organization, analysis methodologies, and actions to assure reliability

and validity. I explored how HR professionals incorporated innovative technologies into HRM while preserving employee engagement and operational effectiveness. A purposeful sampling method was justified to ensure that participants with relevant skills provided significant insights into the investigation. Semi-structured interviews were conducted employing an interview methodology to ensure both consistency and flexibility in obtaining comprehensive qualitative data. To ensure the validity and reliability of the findings, I implemented various procedures such as member checking, audit trails, data triangulation, and investigator reflexivity.

Thematic analysis was employed to methodically uncover major patterns and themes, following Braun and Clarke's (2006) six-step process. Atlas.ti software facilitated the coding and organization of qualitative data. Ethical considerations were underscored throughout the process, with adherence to Walden University's IRB requirements to maintain participant confidentiality, obtain informed consent, and ensure the secure storage of data for 5 years. The next section presents the findings and interpretations, correlating the collected data with the conceptual framework and existing literature. This transition enhanced comprehension of the themes that emerged from the research and provided insights into the strategic obstacles and solutions adopted by HR leaders in implementing proficient HR technologies. Through a rigorous and methodologically sound approach, this research effort contributes to significant advances in both academic discourse and practical application within the domain of HR technology integration.

## Section 4: Findings and Conclusions

### **Presentation of Findings**

The purpose of this qualitative pragmatic inquiry was to explore the strategies that HR leaders used to integrate advanced HR technologies, including AI, blockchain, and cloud-based systems, while maintaining employee engagement and operational efficiency. The research question guiding this project was the following: What strategies do HR leaders use to integrate advanced HR technologies into organizational processes while sustaining workforce engagement and performance? This project focused on medium-to-large-sized organizations in the Northeast United States, where HR leaders commonly experienced challenges such as employee resistance to change, financial constraints, and limited training resources during the implementation of innovative HR systems. The findings of this research were grounded in Rogers's (2003) DIT and analyzed using Braun and Clarke's (2006) six-step thematic analysis method. Data were collected through semistructured interviews with six HR leaders from various industries. The analysis revealed four central themes: (a) leadership commitment and strategic alignment, (b) employee engagement and training, (c) overcoming resistance to change, and (d) technology usability and compatibility.

These themes highlighted the critical elements required for successful HR technology adoption. Participants consistently noted the need for strong leadership support and alignment between new technologies and overarching organizational goals. A strategic commitment from leadership was identified as essential to creating an

environment open to technological innovation. Moreover, tailored training initiatives and proactive communication efforts were crucial in reducing resistance among employees and fostering buy-in. Lastly, the selection of user-friendly technologies that could be seamlessly integrated with existing legacy systems was described as vital to ensuring functionality and user adoption. Collectively, these insights deepened the understanding of how HR leaders managed the complex process of integrating advanced technologies to promote organizational success and employee engagement.

### **Theme 1: Leadership Commitment and Strategic Alignment**

Leadership commitment and strategic alignment emerged as a primary theme across all six participants, underscoring their critical role in the successful integration of advanced HR technologies. Participants emphasized that executive buy-in was not only a catalyst for change but also a necessary foundation for aligning technology strategies with overarching business goals. For instance, Participant 2 stated, “without the leadership team being fully onboard, it’s nearly impossible to secure the budget and cross-departmental cooperation needed for any tech rollout.” Similarly, Participant 5 noted “we aligned every HR tech implementation with our corporate strategic goals. That was how we got the C-suite to see the value and support us.” Four out of six participants (67%) explicitly connected leadership support to smoother technology adoption, noting that executive endorsement encouraged quicker buy-in from midlevel managers and employees.

This finding reinforces the literature, particularly Budhwar et al. (2022), who identified leadership-driven strategies as a vital element in managing innovation transitions. Additionally, the theme directly relates to the persuasion and decision stages in Rogers's (2003) DIT, where opinion leaders such as executive stakeholders help facilitate acceptance and commitment to change. Strategic alignment also played a role in mitigating resistance. As Participant 1 explained, "when employees see that what we're doing supports the company's mission, they're less likely to push back." The synthesis of leadership advocacy and organizational alignment provided a dual force that not only propelled implementation forward but also established long-term sustainability for the advanced use of HR technology.

## **Theme 2: Employee Engagement and Training**

The second theme was employee engagement and training, which participants described as critical to the successful integration of HR technologies. All six HR leaders emphasized the importance of designing training programs tailored to employees' existing skill levels and learning styles. For example, Participant 2 stated, "when we introduced AI-driven scheduling, we didn't just throw it out there; we rolled it out in phases with hands-on demos and shadowing opportunities." This phased training method not only eased the learning curve but also increased employee trust and participation in the transition process. In the document review of internal training materials (e.g., digital literacy handbooks and onboarding modules), I observed that several organizations had incorporated tiered training content, beginning with introductory workshops and

advancing to role-specific technical instruction. Publicly available organizational newsletters further indicated that employees who engaged with these learning programs reported greater confidence in using new tools, aligning with the participants' assertions.

These findings are consistent with Bauer et al. (2021), who found that tailored digital training significantly enhances employee engagement and technological readiness. Additionally, Jiang et al. (2024) confirmed that ongoing training opportunities were a predictive factor in employee satisfaction and retention during technology transformations. These newer studies, not published when I began the original study, extend the field's understanding by emphasizing training as a technical and psychological support mechanism during innovation. This theme is also aligned with the knowledge and implementation stages of Rogers's (2003) DIT. In these stages, the innovation must be effectively communicated, and its use reinforced through practice and contextual learning. By offering continuous training and support, HR leaders reduced uncertainty surrounding the new technologies and increased the rate of adoption.

These findings confirm and extend previous knowledge. Although earlier studies emphasized basic training as a success factor, the current research added depth by illustrating the value of employee involvement in shaping the training process. For example, Participant 5 shared "we let employees help design the tutorials. They told us what wasn't working." This participatory approach not only enhanced engagement but also fostered a sense of ownership among staff. In conclusion, employee engagement through structured, iterative training programs emerged as a strategic asset for HR leaders

implementing advanced technologies. The triangulation of interview responses, document review, and literature reinforced this finding as credible and transferable to broader organizational settings.

### **Theme 3: Overcoming Resistance to Change**

The third key theme identified was overcoming resistance to change, a recurrent challenge faced by HR leaders during the integration of advanced HR technologies. All six participants reported that initial reactions from employees included fear of job loss, skepticism toward unfamiliar systems, and apprehension about increased surveillance or automation. For instance, Participant 4 shared, “there was immediate pushback when we mentioned automation; people thought it meant layoffs. We had to clarify that it was about streamlining tasks, not replacing them.” To mitigate this resistance, HR leaders employed multiple strategies. Most notably, participants emphasized the importance of clear, transparent communication.

This included town hall meetings, Q&A sessions, and newsletters that addressed concerns, explained the purpose of the changes, and shared success stories. Public-facing company documents also echoed these efforts, with excerpts from internal communications showing phrases like “your input matters in this transformation” and “here’s how the new system improves, not eliminates your role.” A second critical strategy was employee involvement in decision-making. Participant 1 described, “We formed a cross-functional task force including frontline employees to evaluate the new

software. Their feedback shaped our final selection.” Such participatory practices not only gave employees a voice but also increased their commitment to the changes.

These findings are strongly supported by Korzynski et al. (2024) and Mabungela (2023), who emphasized that resistance is a natural human response to change and can be significantly reduced through transparent communication and inclusive decision-making. Furthermore, Bingham (2023) found that involving employees in planning and rollout phases led to increased psychological safety and reduced resistance during AI adoption in mid-sized firms. These newer studies extend prior research by affirming that resistance management is not only a communication issue but also a cultural and relational process. This theme is well-aligned with Rogers’ (2003) Diffusion of Innovations theory, particularly during the persuasion and implementation stages, where individuals evaluate the innovation’s benefits and make adoption decisions. HR leaders who acknowledged and addressed employees’ fears and provided concrete examples of benefits created more favorable conditions for adoption.

Additionally, several participants noted that phased implementation was a key to success. Participant 6 described, “We didn’t roll everything out at once. Starting with small pilot groups, let us fix problems early and show success stories to the rest of the team. This iterative approach cultivated confidence and progressively reduced resistance. Addressing resistance to change necessitated a comprehensive strategy that included proactive communication, employee engagement, and steady implementation. By triangulating participant insights, internal communication documents, and updated peer-

reviewed literature, the project confirmed that resistance can be constructively addressed through intentional leadership and inclusive practices, leading to higher technology adoption and improved organizational culture.

#### **Theme 4: Technology Usability and Compatibility**

The fourth major theme identified was technology usability and compatibility, which refers to how intuitive, accessible, and integrative new HR technologies are within an existing organizational ecosystem. All 6 participants emphasized that the success of technology adoption hinged significantly on whether the tools were user-friendly and compatible with current systems. Participant 2 noted, “If the technology doesn’t integrate with our existing platforms, it creates extra work and confusion. That’s when people stop using it.” Similarly, Participant 5 explained, “We selected a platform with a clean interface and minimal steps, which helped increase staff confidence and daily use.” Publicly available business documents, such as vendor selection criteria and user adoption dashboards, supported this finding.

One internal document emphasized selecting “cloud-based platforms with single sign-on and integration with payroll, scheduling, and benefits systems,” illustrating the organizational priority placed on seamless compatibility. Ease of use was repeatedly cited as a factor that either encouraged or discouraged adoption. Systems that required little training and mirrored familiar interfaces were adopted faster and used more consistently. Participant 3 shared, “Our older workers felt left behind until we introduced a visual training guide and simplified dashboard; they began to see it wasn’t so intimidating.”

These findings are supported by Mabungela (2023), who found that organizations adopting technologies with high perceived usability experienced fewer disruptions and faster employee uptake.

Similarly, Tasleem (2021) revealed in a cross-sector analysis that platforms with intuitive design led to 30–40% higher adoption rates in HR departments compared to more complex tools requiring extensive training. These more recent studies reinforce the importance of simplicity and compatibility for successful adoption, expanding on the foundational work of user acceptance models. This theme is also strongly anchored in Rogers' (2003) Diffusion of Innovations theory, specifically under the concept of complexity, which suggests that the perceived difficulty of using an innovation negatively affects adoption. Participants' experiences directly support this: the less complex and more compatible the system, the quicker it was embraced by staff (Arntson & Yoon, 2023). Rogers' model emphasizes that adopters assess ease of use early in the decision-making process, making usability a critical component of the persuasion and implementation stages.

Furthermore, several participants noted the importance of vendor support and adaptability in ensuring long-term compatibility. Participant 6 said, "We needed a vendor willing to adapt the platform to our compliance requirements. That made it easier to get leadership approval." This adaptability extended the technology's usability across departments and future use cases, supporting scalability. Overall, technology usability and compatibility emerged as a decisive factor in fostering positive user experiences and

promoting long-term adoption. By integrating participant testimony, organizational documents, and current literature, the theme reveals that user-centered design and seamless integration into existing systems are not just conveniences; they are prerequisites for successful digital transformation in HRM.

### **Theoretical and Empirical Alignment**

The findings of this doctoral project align closely with Rogers' (2003) Diffusion of Innovations theory, which outlines 5 key stages in the innovation adoption process: knowledge, persuasion, decision, implementation, and confirmation. Each emergent theme identified in the project, leadership commitment and strategic alignment, employee engagement and training, overcoming resistance to change, and technology usability and compatibility, maps directly to one or more of these stages, illustrating how HR leaders strategically manage complex technological transitions. The first theme, leadership commitment and strategic alignment, corresponds to the persuasion and decision stages of Rogers' model. Participants consistently emphasized that executive support and alignment between technological initiatives and organizational goals were critical to facilitating adoption. This confirms and extends the work of Budhwar et al. (2022), who argued that strategic leadership significantly influences innovation outcomes. In the current project, leadership was not only a driver of resource allocation but also a catalyst for shaping innovation-friendly organizational cultures, further validating Rogers' emphasis on the social context of adoption.

The second theme, employee engagement and training, reflected the knowledge and implementation stages of the model. Participants noted that involving employees early and offering tailored training enhanced confidence and minimized resistance. This supports Bauer et al. (2021), who found that comprehensive training improves engagement and performance in digitally transforming environments. Additionally, newer findings by Malik et al. (2022) suggest that adaptive learning systems, customized by AI, are increasingly critical in ensuring successful upskilling during technological change, an insight echoed by participants who discussed AI-based training modules in their implementation strategies. The third theme, overcoming resistance to change, corresponded to the persuasion and implementation stages. Participants described resistance as a natural byproduct of fear, particularly surrounding job displacement or technological complexity.

This theme affirms the conclusions of Mabungela (2023), who highlighted the importance of transparent communication and inclusive decision-making in reducing resistance. Furthermore, Godfrey-Faussett (2022) emphasized that establishing psychological safety through open dialogue and leader empathy is essential for overcoming fatigue change, strategies that were actively employed by several project participants. The fourth theme, technology usability and compatibility, directly aligned with Rogers' concept of complexity. Technologies that were seen as intuitive and seamlessly compatible with existing systems were adopted more successfully. Participants reported that simplicity in user experience and system interoperability

significantly improved both the speed and success of implementation. These findings align with Tasleem, N. (2021), who concluded that usability is a critical factor in long-term adoption success across organizational contexts.

Overall, the project's findings support, confirm, and expand on existing literature, offering robust empirical evidence that HR technology adoption is not merely a technical implementation but a multidimensional process requiring strategic leadership, employee involvement, and careful system selection. By anchoring the project in Rogers' diffusion theory and applying Braun and Clarke's (2006) six-phase thematic analysis method, this research offers a contemporary lens into the challenges and best practices of digital transformation. The integration of participant experiences with theoretical constructions and current scholarship contributes to both academic and practical understanding. For HR leaders and organizational stakeholders, these findings serve as a blueprint for navigating innovation adoption with greater agility, empathy, and effectiveness.

### **Business Contributions and Recommendations for Professional Practice**

The findings of this doctoral project contributed to professional practice by illustrating how the strategic integration of HR technologies, specifically artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and cloud-based systems, enhanced organizational effectiveness when aligned with broader business objectives. Participants emphasized that successful adoption hinged on aligning technology initiatives with core organizational strategies, enabling HR leaders to foster operational efficiency and advance long-term growth. These findings supported the work of Budhwar et al. (2022),

who asserted that strategic alignment facilitated resource optimization. Participants recommended using structured implementation plans, including pilot programs and feedback loops, to reduce uncertainty. A second major contribution to practice involved employee engagement and participation throughout the technology adoption process. The project revealed that organizations that provided continuous training and inclusive decision-making processes experienced higher levels of employee trust and technology acceptance. These insights aligned with Kotter's (2012) eight-step change management framework.

Participants emphasized that when employees perceived new technologies as relevant and accessible, they were more likely to embrace them, highlighting the importance of tailoring training content and offering ongoing support. Technology usability and system compatibility also emerged as pivotal factors influencing successful adoption. Participants shared that tools with intuitive interfaces and seamless integration into existing workflows accelerated adoption and reduced training demands. These findings were reinforced by Korzynski et al. (2024) and Mabungela (2023), who observed that user-friendly technologies reduced resistance. HR leaders were advised to prioritize technologies that enhanced rather than disrupted established processes. Leadership support was identified as a foundational pillar for successful HR technology integration. Participants noted that regular executive involvement removed barriers and promoted an innovative culture.

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In this context, leadership served both symbolic and strategic functions by exemplifying desired behaviors and distributing resources to maintain progress. Participants recommended the incorporation of AI-driven analytics to monitor employee engagement, system utilization, and adoption progress in real time. These tools enabled HR leaders to collect actionable insights and proactively identify adoption challenges. By leveraging such tools, organizations moved from reactive to proactive change management, promoting adaptability and responsiveness. The project offered a practical framework for HR leaders: ensure strategic alignment, involve employees meaningfully, select compatible and user-friendly technologies, secure robust leadership support, and embrace data-driven tools for continuous improvement. These practices collectively enabled a more effective, human-centered, and sustainable approach to HR technology adoption.

### **Implications for Social Change**

The findings of this doctoral project suggest that the integration of advanced HR technologies, when approached with strategic leadership, inclusive training, and employee-centered processes, can produce tangible and far-reaching benefits beyond organizational performance. These benefits extend to the broader community by influencing workforce equity, data ethics, and digital inclusion. First, enhancing employee engagement and equitable access to HR technologies supports workforce inclusion and resilience across diverse socioeconomic groups. Participants in this project emphasized that proactive communication, inclusive training programs, and transparent decision-making reduced fear and increased trust. This aligns with research by Mabungela (2023) and Shet et al. (2021), who found that inclusive technology policies contribute to job stability and reduce disparities among underrepresented groups. When workers feel equipped and supported, they are more likely to participate meaningfully in the labor market, which benefits local communities by lowering unemployment and promoting economic mobility. Inclusive technology implementation improves individual confidence and community employment equity.

Second, secure and ethical adoption of AI and cloud-based systems bolsters organizational integrity and contributes to societal trust in digital infrastructure. Several participants discussed the need for transparency, accountability, and regulatory compliance when implementing new technologies. These practices reinforce public confidence in how institutions handle sensitive data, especially in sectors like healthcare,

education, and finance. As highlighted by Cieslak and Valor (2024), digital trust is foundational to enabling innovation that respects privacy and civil liberties. By promoting ethical standards, HR leaders not only safeguard internal operations but also influence wider cultural expectations around technology use. Ethical HR adoption strengthens institutional integrity and community trust in digital systems.

Third, organizations that prioritize leadership engagement and strategic alignment demonstrate inclusive governance and forward-thinking decisions, setting an example for other institutions. This ripple effect fosters social learning across sectors, encouraging shared values such as transparency, participation, and innovation. The diffusion of these values across organizations contributes to a broader cultural shift toward equity and accountability. According to Wei and Shen (2025), communities benefit when institutional leaders serve as agents of equitable transformation. Strategic, visible leadership in tech adoption fosters broader cultural modeling of inclusive innovation.

Finally, real-time analytics and adaptive feedback loops used to monitor employee engagement can be repurposed to improve community-based initiatives and workforce development programs. Data collected through ethical AI applications can inform not just HR practices but also local policy, education strategies, and support services aimed at marginalized populations. When harnessed responsibly, these tools provide insight into emerging societal needs and enable targeted interventions. As noted by Borg and Shae (2024), adaptive technology has the potential to link institutional initiatives with community well-being. AI tools, when used responsibly, provide data-

driven solutions that could be applied to both workplace management and broader societal planning and equity.

This project's results illuminate how strategic, inclusive, and ethical integration of HR technologies can catalyze sustainable social change. By fostering trust, reducing inequity, and promoting inclusive participation, these practices empower both individuals and communities. Future research and practice should investigate how HR innovations relate to broader societal objectives to ensure that technological progress aligns with human development.

### **Recommendations for Further Research**

To further expand on the findings of this project, it is recommended that future research investigate the long-term effects, wider applications, and various stakeholder perspectives associated with the adoption of HR technology. While this project provided rich insights from medium- to large-sized organizations in the Northeastern United States, its geographic and organizational scope limited its generalizability. Expanding future research to include organizations of varying sizes across multiple regions would enhance the applicability and relevance of findings across industries and cultural contexts (Creswell & Poth, 2018; Yin, 2018). Longitudinal studies can be designed to evaluate the impact of HR technologies on organizational outcomes, including employee retention, innovation, job satisfaction, and workforce development over time. These studies could provide a more comprehensive understanding of both the sustained benefits and evolving challenges associated with implementing AI, blockchain, and cloud-based systems in HR

(Gupta et al., 2019; Rane et al., 2024). Long-term observations also aligned with the confirmation stage of Rogers' (2003) Diffusion of Innovations theory, allowing for exploration of continued adoption or rejection of innovations in practice. Incorporating the perspectives of frontline employees, not just HR leaders, is also considered essential.

Incorporating employee experiences can provide a comprehensive understanding of end-user interaction with these technologies, specifically in terms of usability, engagement, and perceived fairness (Bauer et al., 2021; Cieslak & Valor, 2024). This approach aligned with inclusive and participatory research practices and could have uncovered barriers or enablers that leadership perspectives alone may have overlooked, contributing to more equitable implementation strategies (Korzynski et al., 2024).

Additionally, comparative studies that evaluated different types of HR technologies, such as blockchain-enabled payroll systems versus AI-powered recruitment platforms, can offer organizations clearer insights into the specific advantages and trade-offs of various tools (Li et al., 2023). Such research can help businesses make informed decisions about technological investments based on empirical evidence tailored to their operational needs. These recommendations address the current project's limitations and encourage a deeper, more inclusive exploration of HR technology integration. By broadening the sample population, extending the observation duration, and diversifying the range of perspectives, future research can capture the dynamic and evolving nature of digital transformation in human resource management. Ultimately, advancing this body of

knowledge could support the development of more adaptive, equitable, and effective strategies for organizations navigating technological change (Brix, 2019; Rogers, 2003).

### **Conclusion**

This project concluded that strategic leadership, meaningful employee involvement, and the alignment of HR technologies with broader organizational objectives were critical to the successful integration of advanced systems such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and cloud-based platforms (Budhwar et al., 2022). Key factors contributing to effective implementation included comprehensive employee training, leadership commitment, strategic alignment, and the usability and compatibility of the adopted technologies. These findings were consistent with Rogers' (2003) Diffusion of Innovations theory, which outlines 5 essential stages: knowledge, persuasion, decision, implementation, and confirmation that organizations must navigate to achieve successful adoption outcomes. Participants confirmed that when these components were absent or insufficiently addressed, HR technology initiatives often faced substantial resistance or failed to meet performance expectations. This reinforced the relevance of applying theoretical frameworks such as Rogers' model to real-world challenges in digital transformation. The project's thematic findings demonstrated how theoretical principles were reflected in practice, particularly in the areas of leadership influence, employee readiness, and technological design.

Overall, the research emphasized that the integration of HR technologies must be approached as a human-centered, strategic process rather than a purely technical

endeavor (Apascaritei & Elvira, 2022). Strategic planning, inclusive training efforts, and visionary leadership collectively helped close the gap between technological innovation and organizational performance. These elements supported a smoother transition, increased user adoption rates, and maximized the return on technology investments. By reaffirming the value of these foundational strategies, this project offered a practical roadmap for HR professionals seeking to navigate the complexities of digital transformation. As the HR technology landscape continues to evolve, future research should explore emerging tools, changing workforce dynamics, and updated implementation strategies to remain relevant, foster innovation, and support long-term organizational effectiveness.

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## Appendix A: Interview Protocol

This interview aims to gather responses to the research question: What strategies do some HR leaders use to successfully adopt advanced technologies while maintaining employee engagement and operational efficiency? Before beginning the interview, I will explain the following protocols to each participant:

1. Introduce myself to the HR leader and explain the purpose of my project.
2. Thank the participant for participating in the interview.
3. Review the consent form.
4. Inform the participants that they can withdraw from the project at any time.
5. Start recording the interviews.
6. Start with the interview questions and ask follow-up questions.
7. Watch for nonverbal cues throughout the interview.
8. Conclude the interview.
9. Make sure the participants are aware that all information will be kept confidential for 5 years.
10. End of protocol.

## Appendix B: Interview Questions

1. How would you describe your experience integrating advanced HR technologies such as AI, blockchain, or cloud-based systems into HR processes?
2. What challenges have you encountered during the adoption and implementation of these technologies, and how have you addressed them?
3. How do you ensure that the integration of HR technologies aligns with your strategic goals and workforce needs?
4. In what ways has leadership played a role in facilitating or hindering the adoption of new HR technologies?
5. What strategies have you implemented to address employee resistance to adopting new HR technologies?
6. How do you measure the impact of technology adoption on employee engagement?
7. What training or support programs have you found most effective in helping employees adapt to new HR technologies?
8. How would you describe successful HR technology integration? What factors contributed to its success?
9. How have you ensured data security and regulatory compliance when implementing new HR technologies?
10. What lessons have you learned from your experience with HR technology adoption that you would share with other HR leaders?

### Appendix C: LinkedIn Recruitment Post

My name is Darnetta Franklin, and I'm a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) student at Walden University. I am conducting a doctoral research project on strategies for integrating advanced technology in organizational human resource management. The purpose of this project is to explore how HR leaders successfully implement innovative technologies, including AI, cloud-based systems, and blockchain, while maintaining employee engagement and operational efficiency. Participation will involve a 30–60-minute phone interview, which will be audio recorded for transcription and analysis purposes (no video recording will take place). To protect your privacy, the published project will not include any names or identifying details. If you are an HR leader with experience in adopting or managing advanced HR technologies and would be interested in participating in a brief interview for this project, please feel free to contact me to express your interest. Thank you for your support in contributing to research that may help shape the future of HR innovation.

## Appendix D: Email Invitation

There is a new project about strategies used by Human Resource (HR) leaders to successfully integrate advanced technologies that include Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and cloud-based systems, while maintaining employee engagement and organizational efficiency. The findings of this project could help business leaders better understand effective approaches for adopting innovative technologies in HRM. For this project, you are invited to share your experiences and strategies used in integrating advanced technologies into HR practices.

### **About the project:**

- One 30–60-minute phone interview that will be audio recorded (no video recording).
- To protect your privacy, the published project will not share any names or details that identify you.

### **Volunteers must meet these requirements:**

- Currently serving as a Human Resource leader, manager, or executive.
- Minimum of three years of experience in Human Resource Management.
- Direct involvement in the adoption and integration of advanced technologies (AI, VR, blockchain, or cloud-based systems) within HR.
- Employed by a mid-level to large organization in the Northeast United States.

This interview is part of the doctoral project for Darnetta Franklin, a DBA student at Walden University. Interviews will take place during [you will provide the month/timeframe, but don't fill this in until you have proposal/IRB approval and are ready to distribute invitations].

Please reach out to the researcher to express your interest. You are welcome to forward this invitation to others who may be interested.