

University Ambassador Benefits

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Introduction

University Ambassadors are a valuable part of the NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute (DLI) community, making important contributions to higher education, research, and the future workforce. To recognize these contributions, we offer the following benefits and continuing education opportunities:

- > Ambassador and Instructor certificates to recognize achievements
- > Instructor profiles included in [NVIDIA-Certified Instructor Directory](#)
- > Reimbursements for workshops expenses
- > Waived instructor certification fees
- > Quarterly instructor newsletter
- > Access to live and recorded presentations on technical and soft-skills development for certified instructors (CIs)
- > Workshop updates and other valuable information in the DLI instructor member portal
- > Access to our LinkedIn instructor group

More details on these benefits can be found starting on page 4.

Tiering and Tier-Based Benefits

Tiering is a way to recognize DLI's most active instructors, as well as incentivize Ambassadors to deliver more training. It's based on the number of Ambassador workshops delivered and the number of students certified within five days of each workshop's end date.

Workshop deliveries and student certificates start counting toward tier designations on January 1 of each year. Tiering designations are updated monthly and reflected in the public instructor directory and member portal. Benefits associated with a tier will be available to the instructor for the remainder of the calendar year and the next calendar year.

Tier	Workshop Deliveries		Number of Students Certified
Platinum	7+ per calendar year	and	160+
Gold	5+ per calendar year	and	115+
Silver	3+ per calendar year	and	70+

More details on these tier-based benefits can be found on page 5.

Benefit	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Tier designation in public instructor directory*	✓	✓	✓
Instructor portal recognition	✓	✓	✓
Tier milestone financial award**	\$1,000 USD	\$500 USD	
Priority consideration for paid instructor and TA opportunities	✓	✓	
Priority consideration for the NVIDIA Academic Grant Program	✓		
Priority consideration for GTC conference passes / DLI passes	✓		
Platinum+ (every three additional deliveries)	\$250 USD		

* Inclusion in the public instructor directory and member portal comes only with your consent to be listed.

** Government laws and corporate policies permitting.

Profit From Paid Training for Industry Workshops

Ambassadors can purchase DLI workshops from NVIDIA at a discount and deliver paid training for industry and professional continuing education customers.

Instructor Specializations

We encourage Ambassadors to obtain all instructor certificates in one or more of the instructor specializations listed below. You'll receive recognition for your specialization(s) in the instructor directory and will earn more opportunities to achieve a higher tier status.

Note that specializations and the workshops associated with each may not be available in all regions.

1. Accelerated Computing Specialization

- a. Fundamentals of Accelerated Computing With Modern CUDA® C++ **OR**
Fundamentals of Accelerated Computing With CUDA Python
- b. Accelerating CUDA C++ Applications With Multiple GPUs
- c. Scaling CUDA C++ Applications to Multiple Nodes

2. Data Science Specialization

- a. Accelerating Data Engineering Pipelines
- b. Fundamentals of Accelerated Data Science
- c. Enhancing Data Science Outcomes With Efficient Workflows

3. AI Fundamentals Specialization

- a. Fundamentals of Accelerated Data Science
- b. Fundamentals of Deep Learning
- c. Building Transformer-Based Natural Language Processing Applications

4. Deep Learning Applications Specialization

- a. Fundamentals of Deep Learning
- b. Applications of AI for Predictive Maintenance
- c. Applications of AI for Anomaly Detection

5. Computer Vision Specialization

- a. Fundamentals of Deep Learning
- b. Computer Vision for Industrial Inspection
- c. Bootstrapping Computer Vision Models With Synthetic Data

6. Speech AI Specialization

- a. Building Large Language Model Applications With Prompt Engineering
- b. Building Conversational AI Applications
- c. Building AI Chatbots With Digital Human Technology

7. Multimodal Generative AI Specialization

- a. Fundamentals of Deep Learning
- b. Generative AI With Diffusion Models
- c. Building AI Agents With Multimodal Models

8. Large Language Model (LLM) Level 1 Specialization

- a. Building Large Language Model Applications With Prompt Engineering
- b. Rapid Applications Development Using Large Language Models
- c. Building RAG Agents With LLMs

9. LLM Level 2 Specialization

- a. Efficient Large Language Model (LLM) Customization
- b. Deploying RAG Pipelines for Production at Scale
- c. Building Agentic AI Applications With LLMs

10. Parallelism Specialization

- a. Fundamentals of Deep Learning
- b. Data Parallelism: How to Train Deep Learning Models on Multiple GPUs
- c. Model Parallelism: Building and Deploying Large Neural Networks

Expectations

Over time, workshops will be updated or retired, and new workshops will be introduced. As a result, instructor certifications and specializations may change or expire. You're encouraged to keep your credentials current. Additionally, NVIDIA reserves the right to make changes to the benefits offered and qualifying requirements for each tier.

General Benefit Details

- > **Instructor certificates:** These certificates are awarded at the workshop level after successfully completing the instructor certification requirements for each workshop.
- > **Ambassador certificate:** This certificate is awarded to each CI when accepted into the University Ambassador Program. Only one Ambassador certificate is awarded, regardless of the number of instructor certificates.
- > **Public instructor directory:** All new and active DLI-certified instructors are entitled to a profile listing in the public [NVIDIA-Certified Instructor Directory](#). Inclusion is optional, and every instructor can decide if they would like to be listed with or without contact information.
- > **Workshop expense reimbursement:** Valid workshop expenses, such as travel and catering costs, can be reimbursed up to \$500 USD for each qualifying workshop delivered.
- > **Waived instructor certification fee:** The \$1,000 annual certification fee is waived for Ambassadors who deliver at least two DLI workshops in a 12-month period.
- > **Quarterly instructor newsletter:** Each quarter, the DLI team distributes an instructor newsletter via email. It includes information on the latest workshop releases and updates, recent articles on AI, a global instructor recognition section, and much more.
- > **Technical and soft-skills development sessions:** Two to three times a year, the DLI holds a two-day series of 90-minute sessions designed to help CIs give even better presentations. The same session is offered twice each day with soft skills covered on the first day and virtual platform training offered on the second day.
- > **Workshop updates via the DLI instructor portal:** In addition to the quarterly instructor newsletter, workshop updates can be found in the instructor portal. While visiting the instructor portal, you can find workshop certification and delivery applications, past quarterly instructor newsletters, and more.
- > **LinkedIn instructor group:** A LinkedIn group for for DLI Certified Instructors is available, giving you a forum to meet your peers, share interesting aspects of your deep learning work, and receive invitations to peer presentations.

Tier-Based Benefits

- > **Tier designation in the public instructor directory:** Ambassador tier designations are displayed in the [NVIDIA-Certified Instructor Directory](#).
- > **Instructor portal recognition:** Ambassadors who have achieved a tier or specialization are featured in the DLI instructor member portal, showcasing number of students trained, number of students certified, and number of workshops delivered.
- > **Financial awards for tier milestones:** Achievement of gold tier earns a \$500 USD award, and achievement of platinum tier earns a \$1,000 USD award each calendar year. This makes it possible for an Ambassador to receive up to \$1,500 USD per calendar year by reaching both milestones. This benefit goes into effect on January 1 each year and will apply only to workshop deliveries starting on or after January 1 of that year. Local government regulations and corporate policies apply for payment eligibility. Milestone payments are made automatically during the first half of each month. The DLI team will reach out to Ambassadors to coordinate payment, and payments can only be made to an account that belongs to the instructor or their university.
- > **Priority consideration for paid instructor and TA opportunities:** Gold- and platinum-tier Ambassadors receive priority consideration for paid instructor and TA opportunities for workshops organized and promoted by NVIDIA. Payments vary based on role and type of event, and you'll be contacted directly by NVIDIA when these opportunities become available.
- > **Priority consideration for [NVIDIA Academic Grant Program](#):** Platinum tiered Ambassadors will receive special priority consideration for valuable grants for their institution through the NVIDIA Academic Grant Program.
- > **Priority consideration for GTC conference passes / DLI passes:** Platinum tiered Ambassadors will be given priority consideration for free or discounted passes to [GTC](#), subject to availability.
- > **Platinum+:** After reaching platinum status, Ambassadors can continue to earn an additional \$250 USD for every three workshops delivered. You must maintain your instructor rating to be eligible, but additional student certifications are not required.

Learn More

Questions? Contact us at NVDLI@nvidia.com.

Ready to apply for DLI University Ambassadorship or add new instructor certifications toward a specialization? Apply at developer.nvidia.com/dli/cip/application-amb