NVIDIA

University Ambassador Benefits

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Introduction

To acknowledge the important contributions our active University Ambassadors make on behalf of NVIDIA and the NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute (DLI), we offer the following program benefits.

Instructor Certificates

Instructor certificates are awarded at the workshop level after successfully completing the instructor certification requirements for each workshop.

Ambassador Certificate

An ambassador certificate is also awarded to each certified instructor (CI) when they're 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 in the directory 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. More details and instructions on how to request expense reimbursement will be found in your personal DLI Ambassadorship award email.

Tiering and Tier-Based Benefits

Tiering is a way to recognize DLI's most active instructors, as well as offer incentives to Ambassadors to deliver more training. Tiering is based on the number of Ambassador workshops delivered, and the number of students certified within five days of each workshop's end date. Additionally, an overall instructor rating of 4.0 (out of 5.0) must be maintained to earn any tier.

Workshop deliveries and student certificates start counting toward tier designations on January 1 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 all the following calendar year.

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

To recognize the most active Ambassadors, DLI offers the following tier-based benefits. See the Appendix below for benefit details.

Benefit	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Tier designation in public instructor directory*	✓	✓	✓
Instructor portal recognition	✓	✓	✓
GTC conference passes / DLI passes**	✓	✓	✓
Tier milestone financial award**	$1,000 USD	$500 USD	
Priority consideration for paid instructor and TA opportunities	✓	✓	
Meet the Experts events	✓	✓	
Fast-track certifications	✓	✓	
Free access to dry runs and test flights	✓	✓	
Priority consideration for the NVIDIA Hardware Grant Program	✓		
Platinum+ (every three additional deliveries)	$250 USD		
Invitation-only dinners**	✓		

* 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. Ambassadors will receive recognition for their specialization(s) in the instructor directory and will gain more opportunity to achieve higher tier status.

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

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

2. **Deep Learning Specialization**
   a. Fundamentals of Deep Learning
   b. Applications of AI for Anomaly Detection OR
      Applications of AI for Predictive Maintenance OR
      Computer Vision for Industrial Inspection
   c. Data Parallelism: How to Train Deep Learning Models on Multiple GPUs

3. **Conversational AI Specialization**
   a. Building Transformer-Based Natural Language Processing Applications
   b. Building Conversational AI Applications
   c. Building Intelligent Recommender Systems

4. **Accelerated Computing Specialization (invitation only)**
   a. Fundamentals of Accelerated Computing with CUDA® C/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

5. **Coming soon: GenAI Specialization**

Additional Benefits

DLI offers the following ongoing benefits and continuing education opportunities regardless of tier status (see the Appendix below for benefit details).

> Waived instructor certification fee

> Quarterly instructor newsletter

> Access to live and recorded CI development technical and soft-skills presentations

> Workshop updates and other valuable information in the DLI instructor member portal

> Access to GTC when assisting with at least one GTC DLI workshop delivery

> Access to LinkedIn instructor group

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. Instructors are encouraged to keep their credentials current. Additionally, NVIDIA reserves the right to make changes to the benefits offered and qualifying requirements for each tier.

Appendix: Tier-Based and Additional Benefits

Tier-Based Benefits

> **Tier designation in the public instructor directory:** Ambassadors can be listed in our **NVIDIA Certified Instructor Directory** with their tier designation.

> **Instructor portal recognition:** Ambassadors who have achieved a tier or specialization are featured in the DLI instructor member portal including number of students trained, number of students certified, and number of workshops delivered.

> **GTC conference passes / DLI passes:** Passes will be made available to all Ambassadors with a tiering designation without requiring them to TA a GTC DLI workshop delivery. Passes will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis when in-person GTCs resume.

> **Tier milestone financial award:** Gold members are awarded $500 USD, and platinum members receive an additional $1,000 USD when qualifying or requalifying for their respective tier 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 members will 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..

> **Meet the Expert events:** Office hours with NVIDIA experts will be promoted via invitation only to our gold and platinum members. These events will coincide with new DLI workshop releases and other major corporate announcements.

> **Fast-track certifications:** Because our gold and platinum members deliver content frequently and maintain high instructor ratings, the DLI can offer a shortened certification approach for most workshops. Though successful completion of the student assessment and an interview are still required, instructor assessments become optional, and interviews are conducted in half the standard interview time.

> **Access to dry runs and test flights:** Gold and platinum members will receive invitations to new workshop dry runs and test flights. These special deliveries are taught by NVIDIA Solution Architects (SAs), who are often the content creators.

> **Priority consideration for the NVIDIA Academic Hardware Grant Program:** Platinum members will receive special priority consideration for valuable hardware grants for their institution.

> **Platinum+:** After having reached platinum status, members 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.

> **Invitation-only dinners:** When corporate travel resumes, our master instructors (MIs) will hold in-person dinners by invitation only, where platinum members will have the opportunity to meet peers in the same city/geographic area.

Additional Benefits

> **Waived instructor certification fee:** Ambassadors have the $1,000 annual certification fee waived as long as they continue to 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.

> **CI 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 instructors 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, Ambassadors can also find workshop certification and delivery applications, past quarterly instructor newsletters, and more.

> **Access to GTC when assisting with a DLI workshop delivery:** When in-person GTCs resume, Ambassadors without a tier status can receive a free pass to GTC by assisting with at least one GTC DLI workshop delivery.

> **LinkedIn instructor group:** A LinkedIn group for 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.

Learn More

Questions? Contact us at **NVDLI@nvidia.com**.

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