

Nutanix Hybrid Cloud Scholarship

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Nanodegree

Q: How long is the nanodegree program?

A: The team is still building it, but it will most likely follow our standard Nanodegree format, which usually takes 3-4 months to complete.

Q: Will there be an option to pay and take the full Hybrid Cloud Nanodegree if we're not one of the 500 selected to take it for free?

A: Yes! Everyone will have the opportunity to take it for a fee.

Q: How many projects are in the Nano degree?

A: The team is still building content out, but it's quite likely to have 3 projects.

Q: Should we not win the Nano degree, can we apply again the following year or is this a one time apply deal?

A: At this time there are no plans to have a followup Scholarship but we are keeping our fingers crossed.

And the larger % of students who complete the Foundations course will show Nutanix that interest is very high, so you can definitely help by finishing!

Q: What is the difference between all the cloud courses on Udacity?

A: This Foundations course is the first of its kind in that it's all about the Nutanix platform, the courses that are currently on Udacity are a little more general.

Q: Can we know more about or get a glimpse of the content of the nanodegree?

A: The team is still building it out, but I know that they're working on more hands-on exercises in the nanodegree program.

Q: Does Nutanix think about hiring the best students who complete this nanodegree?

A: While Nutanix won't actively be recruiting graduates from the Nanodegree program, we have heard from other partners that they welcome graduates to reach out on their job board.

Q: When would the nanodegree course start?

A: As soon as the Fundamentals course is over. It takes 2 weeks to get your results.

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Foundations Course

Q: Are the links for additional information in the lecture notes part of the 100% completion?

A: Those links are not part of the Foundations Course.

Q: Any chance subtitles will be added to the videos? As someone whose native language is not English, it is difficult to sometimes for me follow what was being said.

A: I don't think there are any plans in place for Udacity to personally translate the videos, but you can use the auto-translate function under the Settings gear on the Youtube video to help you!

Q: How long is this challenge and how many will get the option to complete the Nano degree?

A: The Challenge end date is August 31st @ 11.59 PDT. 500 students will get a chance to move on to the Nanodegree program. Definitely visit our Google site for all the info!

<https://sites.google.com/udacity.com/nutanix-hybrid-cloud/home>

Q: Do we get Nutanix Cloud limited free access?

A: I'm afraid we don't give that out, but please feel free to follow the resources that your peers supplied.

Resource: <https://www.nutanix.com/test-drive-hyperconverged-infrastructure>

Q: What fun activities are planned for us during the scholarship?

A: Definitely take a look at our Orientation slides to see all the community team sponsored events! And as Anshu mentioned, you can also come up with your own initiatives to help out fellow students as well. <https://sites.google.com/udacity.com/nutanix-hybrid-cloud/home>

Q: Do we need to submit the course review form?

A: There isn't a course review form, as long as you completed all exercises, quizzes and viewed all the lessons, you're 100% done with the course! Just make sure every lesson has a green checkmark next to it!

Q: Can we use Udacity's Knowledge Hub feature during this foundational course?

A: Students will not gain access to those features as those are exclusive to Nanodegree programs! You will experience these features when you advance onto Phase 2.

Q: Will there be webinars from the Nutanix team during the challenge?

A: We're exploring this option but cannot promise anything! We also have #ask_nutanix_ntc where Nutanix certified professionals answer questions about the Nutanix platform.

Q: Besides the manual checks, is there a way to verify the whole course was viewed? I noticed a few glitches so far and wanted to make sure our best effort is acknowledged.

A: I'm afraid a manual check really is the best way to ensure you have completed all of the coursework!

Q: Shall we have any speakers from Amazon?

A: There won't be any speakers from Amazon since this is a scholarship made in partnership with Nutanix! We're currently exploring options with folks from Nutanix :)

Q: Where can we perform the lab?

A: All the environments and workspaces for Udacity's Foundational program is provided within the classroom.

Q: Whenever you watch a video on the course, finish it and watch it again, but stop halfway, does it count as an incomplete video watched, or completely watched?

A: The progress that you make for videos and lessons aren't undone when you go back to an earlier lesson. Great question!

Q: There seems to be a glitch on the website, each video loads in the minimum video quality besides having fast internet. I have tried to change it multiple times but the problem seems to persist.

A: Thanks for bringing this up! I'll bring this up to the team as well. Since the videos are hosted on Youtube, it may be Youtube related as well. COuld you try signing out of your Youtube account or updating the setting there to see if there is a difference?

Q: Is there any study jam in this challenge?

A: Yes, we do plan to have a study jam for this scholarship!

Q: After completing the fundamental course, will we get a verified certificate?

A: There will be a certificate of completion. Please be advised that the certificate is not a guarantee of course completion so please do that manual double check.

Q: If we find errors/room for improvement in the content, how do we verify it's been corrected for future students? And how long does it take to correct these or make improvements?

A: If you find an error, please use the 'Send Feedback' link in the upper right corner of your lessons to report them! Unless the error prevents access, it normally is not fixed until after the challenge ends, I'm afraid.

Q: Why is there no project in the fundamentals course?

A: The fundamentals course is to learn the basics. Think of the course as a preliminary course to help you in the Nanodegree program.

Q: How can we find out that we have missed any particular video in the course?

A: A manual check is imperative! Many students have accidentally missed a question in a quiz. DOn't let that happen to you.

Q: Do we have access to the course materials after phase 1?

A: How it usually works is that students are unenrolled from the scholarship program, but a free course with the same material is launched shortly after.

I was just notified that this time around there currently aren't any plans for launching a free course, so if there is anything you want to make note of, start saving them now! I'll make an announcement later about this today as well.

Selection process

Q: Will emojis count towards community activity?

A: We do love emojis and they will definitely come into play in our upcoming challenges! That said, we are looking for meaningful valuable contributions when it counts towards community activity (e.g. commenting) ;)

Q: If we don't create any channels will it affect our selection for phase 2?

A: It will not impact your selection for phase 2.

Q: I sometimes have work-related meetings at the same time we are doing sessions for the scholarship. Does this influence the probability of getting picked for phase 2?

A: These AMA sessions are optional and are solely here to help you understand how the scholarship/community initiatives work. You can always check out the transcripts on our google site as well.

Q: How many students got into phase 1?

A: 5000 students

30 Days Challenge

Q: How is the 30 day challenge going to work?

A: Grace will share instructions when we launch the Challenge, but in a nutshell you'll take a pledge to work on your course for 30 minutes every day. Look out for her announcement in a couple of weeks.

Q: On the #30DaysChallenge (future community initiative) is it necessarily related to this program (Nutanix) or can you post anything you worked on as far as Computer Science is concerned?

A: We really want students to use 30 days as a way to help them progress through the course. Anything you can do related to Cloud/scholarship program on the Udacity platform will count as your daily update.

I'll give thorough instructions on Wednesday (Juli 1st) and keep this in mind.

Q: Can we start #30Days_of_Udacity before it has been announced? If yes, will the progress made by me be counted towards the challenge?

A: Posting a daily update in the 30 days channel is part of the Challenge (and we won't create that channel until the Challenge launched) so it officially won't count. That said, you can do a mini challenge on your own before we launch that initiative as it will help you in making working on a course a daily habit!

Q: I have completed the course, can I still do the challenge?

A: Absolutely! Remember that completing the course is just one of the 3 selection criteria used to determine who is selected for Phase 2. Definitely use your new knowledge to help your classmates and maybe even consider applying to be a Student Leader!

Other

Q: When are we starting the Study Groups? Have they finalized yet?

A: Study Groups is scheduled to launch this Wednesday (Juli 1st).

Q: Any suggestions on how to stay motivated? Especially after a long day at work, studying right after can be tiring.

A: For me, I really need to take breaks throughout the day to be energized for the next task. Do a little bit of what you love!

Q: What is the prospect for a job with Hybrid Cloud?

Student Answer: Actually I can answer that :) Hybrid cloud is just one of the skill sets. It will be cloud engineer or IT related job roles where you will be applying these skill sets.

Q: I put a request for an AWSsansGCP channel to discuss cloud specific issues. Any chance it will get approved?

A: I believe Grace will be looking at the current channel requests that have come in so far very shortly.

Q: I have shared an idea of having a #random channel, where we can share funny memes, videos, jokes and our thoughts. Is anyone supporting this? It would make our community more fun.

A: I'm going to take some time to look through the channel requests today and make new ones, but I can tell you that it's a popular one.

Q: Is there a regular schedule for the AMA sessions?

A: We are hosting back-to-back AMAs today to bring everyone up to speed as quickly as possible! Then it will move to 2x a week (one morning and one evening). Grace will post on the Google site the recurring day of the AMAs moving forward.

Q: What can I use the skills gained from this scholarship program for?

A: The best way to use those skills is to help your fellow classmates in this community! Visit the Lesson channels to answer questions, consider starting a Study Group and help your

group develop a project to reinforce what they've learned, consider coming up with a bigger initiative that will help the entire community!

Q: How do we know the status of channel ideas?

A: If Grace turns our request into a real channel she'll make a formal announcement! That said, I'm afraid there are too many requests for her to give individual feedback.

Q: I was unable to attend the 1st orientation program. Is that recording available now?

A: We had a technical mishap during our live orientation so the community team is recording another one and will upload it by the end of the day (PD) today!

Q: I need to finish a few projects, but I'm having problems focusing on a particular one for a long time. How do I overcome this concentration problem?

A: Have you tried the Pomodoro technique? Many of our previous students use it to help them focus.

<https://lifehacker.com/productivity-101-a-primer-to-the-pomodoro-technique-1598992730>

Q: Are we allowed to create a public GitHub repository for study notes?

A: You're welcome to create a public repo of notes that are solely your own, but we refrain you from including any material from Udacity.

Q: Is there a sheet/page where I can find all the channels that have been created?

A: You can click the + icon besides the Channels sub menu on the left side of the screen.