



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Support

Q. What countries are included in the KaggleX Program?

A. Included countries: Argentina, UAE, Turkey, Philippines, Japan, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Greece, India, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, South Africa, Switzerland, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States.

Q. How do we contact the KaggleX team?

A. Please email kagglex-support-external@google.com

Q. Who do I notify if my advisor is non- responsive or if I haven't heard from my advisor?

A. There are 2 options to notify the KaggleX team.

1. kagglex-support-external@google.com via email
2. Chat kagglex-admin via Discord

Q. What communication tool will we be using for sharing ideas/ seeking advice etc?

A. You should have received an invite to the KaggleX Community within Discord (Alumni & Cohorts 2&3) and the available channels to our program. Cohort 4 will be using Groups located in Qoopers database.

Q. How do I use Discord?(Alumni & Cohorts 2-3)

A. [Beginners Guide](#) to Discord

Q. How do I schedule time with my advisor/fellow?

A. Don't forget to sync your calendars via Doodle. This will allow you to connect your calendar with your advisor /fellows. During your meet and greet you will coordinate the best way to communicate.

Q. How do I get started with GCP? This is cohort specific & may not apply to future cohorts. (Cohort 3) This is cohort specific & may not be offered for future cohorts.

A. [Google Cloud Overview](#)

Q. How do I open a GCP support ticket?

A. [Contacting Support Team](#)

Overview

Q. What is the purpose of the KaggleX fellowship Program?

A. We offer a fellowship program for historically marginalized people to increase representation in data science, create career opportunities, and develop individual growth.

Q. How do I get the slides from the fellow & advisor informational call?

A. A PDF will be added to the [discussion board](#).

Q. How do I find the recording from the Onboarding kick-off call?

A. [KaggleX Folder](#)- Then click the appropriate cohort folder and look for a folder labeled Onboarding and Kickoff.

Q. What are the fellows options for completing a work project to add to their data science portfolio?

A. For Cohort 4 Fellows:

- Create a conversation-style chat bot that enables a user to receive in-depth information about an area of interest of your choosing. Specific details and examples will be provided during onboarding.

Q. When is my final showcase due?

A. The date for your final showcase will be announced during the kick off call and can be found in the kick off presentation and on the Key Dates calendar. Typically it is during the 14th week of the program.

Q. How much time should advisors and fellow(s) spend a week working with each other?

A. For now, we are asking that you schedule 1 hr working sessions weekly. However, based on your meet & greet you can determine if more time is needed.

Q. As a fellow, how much time should be spent working within the program?

A. Time management will be left up to you. We provide the courses and tools to help grow your success. We also ask that you participate in one of our projects. We will leave the amount of time for you to gain the knowledge that you are looking for open to your discretion. Best practices include spending an average of 7-10 hours per week.

Q. Will the fellowship program be online or in person?

A. The program will be virtual online.

Q. How do I find out more information about the KaggleX fellowship program?

A. Please visit our [KaggleX fellowship program](#) website.

Q. Where do I locate the previous cohorts Project Showcases?

A. The [2021 Project Showcases](#) are listed on our website and also 2022-2023 cohorts can be found on our [YouTube channel](#).

Q. Is the program open to Googlers?

A. Yes. Googlers can participate as mentors/advisors.

Q. I applied for the program as an advisor. However, I realize that I still want to learn. Can I change to a fellow? Or can I be a fellow and the next cohort be an advisor?

A. Yes. You can email [KaggleX_admin](#) & advise us to withdraw your application. You can then apply to be a fellow if the application process is still open. We can not determine which fit is better for your growing experience. Please take a moment to assess your skill set and apply to either accordingly. As far as the next cohort you can always apply for an advisor position at that time.

Q. Does the fellowship program guarantee me a job?

A. The fellowship program is to help enhance your data science and machine learning skill set. This is a program for learning and networking not job placement.

Q. If I apply for the advisor program can I reapply for the next cohorts?

A. Yes. Once advisors successfully complete the program they're added to the database and will be invited to join future cohorts.

Q. Do I get paid to be an advisor?

A. No. This is a volunteer program. However, we do give advisors SWAG & learning resources.

Q. What is the advisor eligibility criteria?

A.

- Passionate about mentoring and aligned with the program's mission
- At least 5 years of experience working as an industry professional or researcher in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning
- Proficient in R or Python
- Committed for the duration of the program (15 weeks)
- Able to participate in weekly check-ins
- Able to provide guidance for mentee goals and projects
- Committed to engage with broader KaggleX community
- (Optional) Able to lead career and/or educational seminars

Q. What are the advisor responsibilities?

A.

- Support & advise your mentee on career interests and goals
- Provide project guidance & subject matter expertise
- Set recurring touchpoints with fellows

Q. What are the expectations for the advisor?

A.

- Available during the dates of the cohort
- Weekly check-ins with your mentee (minimum 1 hr per week)
 - Time commitment dependent upon needs of your mentee
- Network & engage with the community

Q. Why is my country not listed?

A. We're currently only able to open the program to fellows who are from a limited set of countries due to legal requirements outside of our control. It is our hope that as the program continues to develop, we are able to extend eligibility beyond the current list.

Unfortunately, if you do not qualify based on these requirements, we will not be able to assess your application. You are still very welcome to join Kaggle's broader community where we have many products to support you in your data science learning!

Q. What is the Racial Background Eligibility:

A. This program is designed for those who self-identify as being from racial backgrounds that are historically underrepresented in the data science community. "BIPOC" refers to Black, Indigenous, or People of Color, which is also inclusive of people from minority-represented racial groups within their communities. The specific eligibility criteria are defined on the [KaggleX Site](#). If you qualify, we welcome you to apply!

Q. What can I use the grant money for?

A. It can be used towards your education, tools etc. You can use it towards your personal journey.

Q. Is the program only around data science and machine learning or can there be other types of learning like data analytics etc?

A. Yes. This program is open to other applications like data analytics, engineering, researcher etc

Q. If I miss the 1st week or any weeks of the program does that make me ineligible?

A. No. This program is virtual and meeting coordination is based on availability on a weekly basis.

Q. Can students apply to be an advisor?

A.
We encourage students who would like to be an advisor and have the knowledge and experience working on projects to apply. There is an option in the application to select a student or not employed as an occupation.

Resources

Q. What are the resources available to the fellows?

A. You will have the below resources made available to you:

- Kaggle Learn (no cost!)
- Google Cloud Skills Boost (6-month Credit)
- Mentorship + Fellowship
- Community-sharing Events
- KaggleX- Fellowship Program

Note: A select number of Career and Development grants will be issued on a needs-basis.

Scholarship applications will open to fellows following acceptance.

Q. Where do I find the calendar for key dates (networking events/ speaker series etc..)?

A.Key dates calendar will be found in the Qooper program database

Q. Who and what is Qooper?

A.Qooper is a 3rd party vendor that we have partnered with to offer a database to locate all program related resources and communication. A walk-through of Qooper's platform will be demonstrated during onboarding.

Q. How do I get access to the Qooper program database?

A.There will be an email invite sent once you have been accepted into the program.

Payment

Q. Will all fellows receive a grant?

A. A select number of grants will be issued on a needs-basis. Scholarship applications will open to fellows following acceptance

Q. When will I receive my 1st and 2nd Grant installment?

A.1st Installment within the 1st few weeks of the program & 2nd Installment after project submission

Q. When will I receive my GCP Coupon code? (Cohort 3) This is cohort specific & may not be offered for future cohorts.

A.Within the 1st 2 weeks of the program

Q. Can the GCP credits be used towards a certificate? (Cohort 3) This is cohort specific & may not be offered for future cohorts.

A.Yes

Q. Your Free Trial credits apply to all Google Cloud resources, including Google Maps Platform usage. However, there are a few exceptions. What are the exceptions to the Program coverage?

A.

- You can't add GPUs to your VM instances.
- You can't request a quota increase.

- For an overview of Compute Engine quotas, see [Resource](#) quotas.
- You can't create VM instances that are based on Windows Server images. To perform any of the actions in the list above, you must upgrade to a paid Cloud Billing account.

Q. How do I upgrade to a standard account - (Cohort 3) This is cohort specific & may not be offered for future cohorts.

A. <https://cloud.google.com/free/docs/gcp-free-tier#steps-to-upgrade-your-account>

Details:

4. Upgrading to Standard Google Cloud Platform Account.

4.1 At any time during the Free Trial, Customer may convert its Free Trial account into a standard Google Cloud Platform account by clicking the “Upgrade” button in the Google Cloud Console.

4.2 If Customer upgrades to the standard Google Cloud Platform account before the Free Trial ends, any unused credit will continue to apply and will expire 3 months after the Free Trial Start Date if it remains unused.

4.3 Customer’s continued use of the Services after upgrading to the standard Google Cloud Platform account is subject to Customer’s compliance with the GCP Agreement, and the Free Trial Terms and Conditions will no longer apply.

Q. How do I continue to use my GCP credit after upgrading to a standard account (paid tier)? (Cohort 3) This is cohort specific & may not be offered for future cohorts.

A. <https://cloud.google.com/terms/free-trial?hl=fr-ch>

Q. How do I get information on putting a request in for an existing quota increase? (Cohort 3) This is cohort specific & may not be offered for future cohorts.

A. [Working with Quotas](#)

Note: GPU is not a part of the quota link to request GPU quota. If you experience trouble using GPU quota from GCP try using your Kaggle account.

Q. Why am I being asked to enter my credit card information when redeeming my GCP credits? (Cohort 3) This is cohort specific & may not be offered for future cohorts.

A. In most cases, the system will ask for a credit card to get started. Your GCP credits will be redeemed 1st. Your credit card will be billed for any overages.

Note: When creating your GCP project, make sure you’re using your billing account that is linked for redemption. If not, you will be billed to a wrong account and will receive a large bill.

Q. I am having a hard time setting up my Payoneer account. Who can help?

A. [Payoneer](#) support center.

Getting Started

Q. What are the platforms that we will use throughout the program and what are they used for?

A. There are a total of three platforms that you will be using throughout the program.

1. [Discord](#)- is our main communication channel to ask questions, network, chat with your peers, and to find program related announcements etc..(Alumni & Cohorts 2&3)
2. [KaggleX Portal](#)- Is where we house all program related information including resources (Alumni & Cohorts 2 & 3)
3. [KaggleX Folder](#)- is used to store all program related information and for fellows to submit their final project showcase
4. Qooper- Qooper is a 3rd party vendor that we have partnered with to offer a database to locate all program related resources and communication (Cohort 4)

Non Data science background

Q. In spite of coming from non Data Science background can I apply for KaggleX Fellowship Program.

A. People from any background can apply.

Q. I'm participating in the KaggleX Skill Assessment Challenge for the KaggleX mentorship program. I'm facing an issue when trying to add the KaggleX dataset to my notebook. While other datasets load without any problems, this specific dataset keeps loading indefinitely, even though it is under 20MB.

A. Thank you for your interest in the KaggleX program, due to the challenge being private we have not enabled notebooks. You will need to work on a local machine to submit predictions. Alternatively, you can create your own private dataset from skill assessment challenge data, and use a Kaggle notebook to make predictions. This means you will not be able to submit it directly to the challenge from the notebook, but you can download the prediction and submit it manually.

Q. How do I get the access to Skill Assessment Challenge?

A. Skill Assessment Link --- <https://www.kaggle.com/t/005ae82d6fda45a9a3048d900fd2eb17>

Q. What is the maximum number of mentees and mentors who can participate in the KaggleX Fellowship Program, Is there any limit?

A. Thank you for your question. We will be sharing the number of fellows accepted after the review process. The number of available advisors will also determine how many fellows we can accept in the program for cohort 4.