Intern FAQ - AI Bootcamp

Here are the next steps (Intern Onboarding).

1. IF YOU DIDN'T watch the welcome and onboarding video by Dr. Nancy Li, make sure to watch it now. This is mandatory to know how to be successful during the internship.

2. Join our Developer Discord server and complete your server onboarding process. Once you join the server will have pop-ups to guide you through the process.
   ● The first thing you should do after joining discord is to update your profile with your **full name** and **linkedin url**. This is the main way everyone will communicate with you.
   ● Please introduce yourself in the #networking channel and post your techstack in the #techstack channel

3. Watch past cohort demos [MANDATORY]
   ● Summary of Cohort 1 and 2 Demo
     https://youtu.be/S69147JbQpU?si=p0fHjqO7tTlyUHTB
   ● Example of Cohort 3 Demo (highly recommended)
     https://youtu.be/5OZjUtUdbbI?si=iW_JL81H3fjLl0yn

4. Join our first tech mentor session. Dates will be announced in the Discord channel. Our mentor will give you an overview of how to collaborate in a cross-functional team during the AI project and how to find tech resources. Here is the link to the onboarding and training guide for all interns. Here are the Youtube playlists training referenced in the training guide above.
   a. Engineers' Training Playlist
   b. Designers' Training Playlist

5. Some of you will be invited to start the team match process early. Product managers will be reaching out to see if you are a good fit for their team to scale their existing AI

Products (from a previous cohort). These are group conversations with Anil and PM's from an existing AI product team.

6. There are 2 Team Matching sessions:
    a. Week 2: Product Managers will pitch to Designers to join their Ai product idea
    b. Week 4: Product Mangers & Designers will create High-Fidelity designs to pitch their Ai product idea to Engineers/Data Scientists.
    Note: Please look out for discord messages on exact dates.
    It is mandatory that you join these Pitch Day sessions.

7. The offer letters will be sent by the support team

If you need visa sponsorship, you must reply to this email and let us know what special things you need to put on the offer letter and what deadlines you have. Please also post the same request in the #visa-sponsorship discord channel. So that we can track the progress.

IMPORTANT: The best way to communicate with us is on Discord channels and tag Marla for operations questions. Please don't DM Dr. Nancy Li. Put your questions in the public channel, someone in our team will get back to you.

Weekly Intern Expectations:

- Note: Interns are considered: Designers, Data Scientists & Engineers (frontend, backend, fullstack)

Week 1:
   All: Watch onboarding and learning videos based on if you are designer or engineer:
   - [Engineers' Training Playlist](#)
   - [Designers' Training Playlist](#)
   Engineers: Choose of of the 2 products that will be provided in Discord.
       - Discord Rag Chatbot
       - Job Tracker Agent(s)

- Join the discord channel to discuss the assignment you chose
- Make sure to attend Office Hours to speak with mentors to discuss your progress.

Week 2:

All: Watch onboarding and learning videos based on if you are designer or engineer:
- [Engineers' Training Playlist](#)
- [Designers' Training Playlist](#)

Engineers: Continue working on the project you have chosen (more details will be provided in discord)
- Join the discord channel to discuss the assignment you chose
- Make sure to attend Office Hours to speak with mentors to discuss your progress.

Designers: Make sure to join Pitch Day (check your calendar for invitations). This is where you will hear about the Product Mangers idea and join a team by filling out a Team Match spreadsheet. (more details about the spreadsheet will be discussed on this date)

Week 3: Continue making progress
- **Engineers:** Finish up your assignment and share your progress. We will discuss more on how to share as we get closer to week 3
- Designers: Work on Interviewing Customers to see if AI ideas can be validated & start creating High-Fidelity designers for next week's Pitch Day.

Week 4: All: Join Pitch Day where Product Mangers and Designers will demonstrate their Ai product ideas and High-Fidelity designs after user research and gathering Voice of the Customer feedback.

- Engineers will then fill out a [Google form](#):
  - Sharing their tech stack years of experience
  - Ranking their top 3 product idea choices
  - Want to be a Lead Engineer or not.

Week 5-8: Work with your AI product teams to create an AI MVP.
- **Lead Engineer:** Help with System design conversations and setting up GitHub directory and local Git deployment.

Week 9-10: Start testing the various functionalities. Designers would be very helpful here since they know the user's mindset the best.

Note: The Product Manager will create the main GitHub repository. The Lead Engineer on each team should help others who are not familiar with GitHub as well as help with System Design. When you have questions please reach out to the mentors during Office Hours.

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AI PM Bootcamp FAQ

🧑‍💻 Team Structure Overview

Each team is formed from participants in the PM Accelerator Program, and typically includes:

- Product Managers – Responsible for business case development, voice of customer interviews, and market research
- Developers – Execute the technical build
- (Optional) Data Scientists & Designers – Added as needed, based on project complexity

Team Size & Composition

- Typical team size: 8–10 members
- Larger-scope projects may be assigned bigger teams
- Teams with multiple PMs and developers tend to launch more ambitious, successful products

Key Recommendations

- At least 3 product managers per team to divide user research, roadmap, and GTM work

- At least 3 developers for faster development and technical redundancy
- Data scientists and designers are optional based on your product goals

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📌 The more balanced and collaborative your team, the higher the chance of building a real, launch-ready product. Let us know if you'd like support building your team or scoping your idea!

Cohort Schedule

The below schedule is the full bootcamp schedule, All interns can attend the mentor office hours, NOT the group training for PMs.

Week 1 AI Product Strategy (GUCCI Framework) and AI Basics

June 23, Monday, 8-10pm EST - Group Coaching with Dr. Nancy Li

July 1st , Tuesday, 8-9pm EST - Office Hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 2 End-to-End Al Product Management

June 30, Monday, 8-10pm EST - Group Coaching and office hours with Dr. Nancy Li

July 6, Sunday, 11am-12pm EST - Office Hours with Apoorva Joshi

July 1st, 10am-12pm EST - Group Project Kickoff : Pitch ideas, and assemble a team of PMs and AI designers

Week 3 Existing LLM and Al Models, Trade-offs, and Pricing

July 7, Monday 8pm -10pm EST - Group Coaching with Adam Zhu

July 15, Tuesday 8pm EST - Office Hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 4 Advanced AI and AI Architecture

July 14, Monday 8pm EST - 10pm EST - Group Coaching with Adam Zhu

July 20, Sunday 11am EST- 12pm EST - Office hours with Apoorva Joshi

July 15, Tuesday 10am - 12pm EST Pitch ideas and team match with developers and a demo

Week 5 AI UI/UX Design

July 21, Monday 8pm EST - 10pm EST, Group Coaching and Office Hours with Dr. Nancy Li

July 27, Sunday 11am EST- 12pm EST - Office hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 6 Advanced Prompt Engineering

July 28, Monday 8pm EST - 10pm EST, Group coaching with Adam Zhu

August 3, Sunday 11am EST- 12pm EST - Office hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 7 Prototyping & Building with no-code tools

August 4, Monday 8pm EST - 10pm EST, Group coaching with Adam Zhu

August 10, Sunday 11am EST- 12pm EST - Office hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 8 AI Product Portfolio Development

August 11, Monday 8pm EST - 10pm EST, Group Coaching and Office Hours with Dr. Nancy Li

August 17, Sunday 11am EST- 12pm EST - Office hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 9 Create an AI PM Resume That Lands You Many offers

1:1 Resume review with our resume writer - no group coaching

August 24, Sunday 11am EST- 12pm EST - Office hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 10 Nail Your AI PM Interviews

August 25, Monday 8pm EST - 10pm EST, Group Coaching and Office Hours with Dr. Nancy Li

August 31, Sunday 11am EST- 12pm EST - Office hours with Apoorva Joshi

Week 11 GTM - Drive users and engagement of your Al Project

Sep 1st, Monday 8pm EST - 10pm EST, Group Coaching and Office Hours with Dr. Nancy Li

Sep 4, Thursday, Group Project Demo: Showcase your product with a demo. Get feedback from AI advisors

Current and upcoming cohort duration

- Cohort #5 = Jun-23-2025 - Sep-12-2025
- Cohort #6 = Sept-15-2025 - Nov-28-2025

🧩 Team Matching Process

- ◆ Group Team Match (Week 4)

During this phase, students will:

- Fill out a team match form detailing their background, skills, and interests
- Attend a Zoom team match call where PMs will pitch product ideas
- Engineers will then fill out a [Google form](#):
  - Sharing their tech stack years of experience
  - Ranking their top 3 product idea choices
  - Want to be a Lead Engineer or not.
- Teams will be formed based on mutual interest, project scope, and complementary skills

📣 *Example: Cohort 3's [team match video.](#)*

🎖️ Certification

Interns will receive an official certificate from PM Accelerator, recognizing their contribution to building and launching a real AI product.

This certification can be added to your resume, LinkedIn, and AI product portfolio.

🎖️ Intern Award

I have discussed it with PMs. They are impressed by some developers who went above and beyond to complete the project. We'd like to give out some awards to developers and designers.

🏆 AI PM Bootcamp Award Tiers
🥇 Tier 1: AI Trailblazer
Led innovation. Went Above and Beyound

Criteria:
✅ Completed full 11 week project cycle
✅ Attended 90%+ team meetings or communicated with team members within 24 hours
✅ Made high-impact technical contributions
✅ Took initiative and led feature development or team collaboration
✅ Went above and beyond expectations

🎖️ Recognition:
🌟 Personalized LinkedIn badge
🌟 Featured in PMA social media spotlight
🌟 Letter of recommendation from Dr. Nancy Li and team lead
🌟 Priority access to future paid opportunities in our recruiter network
🌟 Access to free job referrals to tech companies
🌟 AI Engineer/ AI Designer Certification

🌟 LinkedIn endorsement from the team lead

🌟 Invitation to be an AI mentor for future interns

🌟 Priority access to join the future bootcamp cohorts

🌟 Free resume review with our Sr. recruiter with 20+ years of recruiting experiences

🥈 Tier 2: AI Innovator

Built solutions. Powered progress.

Criteria:

✅ Completed majority of project work assigned by the team lead

✅ Attended 75%+ team meetings or communicated with team members within 3 days

✅ Contributed consistently to tasks and team discussions

✅ Demonstrated strong engineering fundamentals

🎖️ Recognition:

🥈 LinkedIn badge

🥈 Team recognition post on LinkedIn

🥈 AI Engineer/ AI Designer Certification

🥈 Access to free job referrals to tech companies

🥈 Letter of recommendation from team lead

🥈 LinkedIn endorsement from the team lead

🥈 Priority access to future bootcamp cohorts

🥉 Tier 3: AI Rising Star

Took initiative. Gained real-world experience.

Criteria:

✅ Participated in the entire project without quitting

✅ Making efforts to communicate with the team lead and team members

✅ Showed enthusiasm to grow and learn

🎖️ Recognition:

📜 AI Engineer/ AI Designer Certification

📢 Group social media mention

🚀 Letter of recommendation from team lead

Team Lead, please send the developer names and awards to my team in the private group chat.

Thank you for all our interns' great efforts!

PS: If you have other recommendations on the award systems, please let me know.

📂 How to View All Discord Channels

1. Click the drop-down triangle next to the name
2. Select "Show All Channels" to make sure you can see everything in the server
3. Go to the "Product Manager Accelerator" server (top left)

AI Engineer Group Interview and FAQ
- PM Accelerator

Overview of the AI Engineer Internship Process:

1. Introduction and Setup:
   ○ The video begins with Dr. Nancy Li conducting a group interview for an AI engineer internship. Due to high demand, she explains how the Zoom meeting was initially limited to 100 participants but was later upgraded to accommodate more attendees.
2. Internship Structure:

- The internship is unpaid but offers valuable hands-on experience in AI product development. Participants will work alongside product managers (PMs) and other engineers to build real-life AI products.
- The teams consist of software developers, data scientists, and product managers. The internship includes working on tasks like voice of customer interviews, MVP development, and go-to-market strategies.

3. Application and Selection Process:
   - Over 2,000 applications were received. Applicants will undergo a technical assessment involving a coding task, which is crucial for selection.
   - The focus is on finding candidates with strong software engineering skills, AI knowledge, and the ability to work as team players. Dr. Nancy Li emphasizes the importance of commitment and dedication.

4. Timeline and Commitment:
   - The internship runs for 3 months, with a minimum commitment of 10 hours per week. Successful completion of the project may lead to further opportunities.

5. Resources and Learning:
   - Participants will have access to technical advisors and recommended courses to improve their AI skills. Dr. Nancy Li encourages continuous learning and upskilling in areas like AI and cloud computing. Here is the [training doc](#) for all interns.

6. Evaluation and Outcome:
   - The technical assessment will determine who gets selected. The evaluation includes both the coding quality and the candidate's ability to collaborate effectively within the team.
   - Participants who excel may receive an AI engineering certification and opportunities to list the internship on LinkedIn. The internship also provides exposure to job opportunities through the network and social media channels of Dr. Nancy Li.

Q&A Session:

1. Q: What is the start date of the internship?
   - A: The earliest start date is next week, depending on the completion of the assessment. The internship runs for 3 months per year. The current cohort is from Jun 23 to September 5th. Please refer to your offer letter for the exact date.
2. Q: Is the internship paid or unpaid?

- ○ A: The internship is unpaid, but it offers valuable experience and the opportunity to work on real AI projects.
3. Q: What is the expected time commitment?
   - ○ A: A minimum of 10 hours per week is required. Participants can take on more work if they have the time, which can lead to bigger projects and better resume outcomes.
4. Q: Can we use any programming language or technology stack for the project?
   - ○ A: There is no preference for a specific technology stack. However, most AI work typically uses Python.
5. Q: What happens if the code is submitted privately on GitHub?
   - ○ A: If the code is private, it may not be adequately evaluated by the assessment tool. Public repositories are preferred for proper evaluation.
6. Q: Can I use APIs for the AI project?
   - ○ A: Yes, you are encouraged to use APIs and any other necessary tools to complete your project.
7. Q: What type of projects are being developed?
   - ○ A: Examples include AI-powered home renovation, inventory forecasting, price prediction, mental health consultation, and productivity tools. The projects vary depending on the cohort and team needs. Please watch the last cohort demo for project inspiration.
8. Q: Is there a preference for the weather app's lines of code?
   - ○ A: For public submissions, focus on building the app without worrying about the number of lines of code. For private submissions, ensure there are enough lines of code to be evaluated properly.
9. Q: What is the evaluation process for the technical assessment?
   - ○ A: Our tech recruiter will review your tech assessment one by one.
10. Q: Will there be any technical courses provided?
    - ○ A: Recommended courses will be provided, and most of them are free. You can check out our free training here. The most expensive ones are around $50. If you already have all the required skills, you don't need to take additional courses. However, if you don't have the necessary AI skills, you will need to pay for your own AI courses. Most of these courses are offered by Deeplearning.ai.
11. Q: Will I have access to the Discord channel before being selected?
    - ○ A: No, only selected participants will gain access to the Discord channel.
12. Q: Can I join the internship in the next cohort?
    - ○ A: Yes. Make sure to communicate with our team. We will see if you can fit into the next cohort.
13. Q: What happens if I don't meet the coding skill requirements?
    - ○ A: You will not be selected for the internship if your coding skills do not meet the required standards.

14. Q: How will the internship experience be recognized on LinkedIn?
   ○ A: You can list the internship experience on LinkedIn after successfully completing the project.
15. Q: What is the team size for the projects?
   ○ A: Teams typically consist of 8 to 10 people, including product managers and engineers, depending on the scope of the project.
16. Q: What happens after the internship in terms of job opportunities?
   ○ A: The company will share your project work through social channels and pass job descriptions to the Discord channel. This may lead to job opportunities through referrals. The top performers receiving our awards will get additional benefit such as job referrals and 1:1 resume review. Please student the Award sessions for details.

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Additional Intern Questions:

1) What happens in situations when my OPT/CPT dates are 1-month into the program and ends before the next cohort?

   Example: I'm interested in joining Cohort 5:
   - Cohort #5 = Jun-23-2025 - Sep-12-2025
   - Cohort #6 = Sept-15-2025 - Nov-28-2025

   But my OPT/CPT will only allow me to have Start Date = June 23rd and End Date = August 8th.

   Reason: The university has informed me that they cannot approve the current dates listed in the offer letter, as the internship must conclude before the start of the Fall 2025 semester. According to their guidelines, the final allowable date for the internship is August 8, 2025..

   Can I still join a cohort, but not tell my university? - Can I get in trouble for this situation?

   Answer: If your CPT/OPT date is within 1 week or so around our cohort date. It's fine. If it cuts off in the middle of the cohort. We have to move you to the future cohort.

2) Who will pay for services that require pay during the internship?
   a) Example - API services or Cloud services for the AI product?
   b) Example - Need compute for FineTuning a model?

Answer: Our company or the product managers in the same team will cover the cloud and API cost. But we will not cover the computer device cost.

3) I will be traveling to visit my family from the USA to India, China, etc…. Can I use this OPT/CPT work permit for reentry into the USA?

Answer: We don't know, please contact your immigration lawyer.

4) Standard response for CPT/OPT process in the program:
For interns' CPT and OPT sponsorship concerns, please follow the steps below:
1. Consult Your School First
Please speak with your school's international student office to understand their specific requirements for CPT or OPT authorization. They will inform you what documentation or updates are needed from our side (e.g., offer letter, company info, etc.).

2. Offer Letter Timing
We are able to revise your offer letter based on your CPT/OPT dates. However, we ask that your start and end dates align as closely as possible with your assigned cohort timeline. A 1–2 week delay is acceptable if there are processing delays, but please keep us informed and send us any updated dates as soon as possible.

3. E-Verify Requirements
We will also need your information to validate your eligibility to work in the U.S. through the E-Verify system. Please follow the steps here:
https://discord.com/channels/1255183088607297729/1283485753782964316/1293422029298471007

Please make sure to send/share your full legal name in your offer letter.
- If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask in #visa-sponsorship channel or reach out directly to our support team : Marla.

5) Do Interns have AI PM Bootcamp Kajabi access?

- No. Only PMs enrolled in the program have access to our course modules (Kajabi). Interns will have access to their own recorded training/session/files with the link/s that the PMA team will share.

Example:
- Recent AI Intern recorded training/ onboarding with Mentors Aishwarya Saad Shariff & Anil Thomas: https://youtu.be/O0WJ1LTqhAY

- Intern Onboarding, training, AI course and guide document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/18O8Xpbognhi3GYJeHDYbBRHGAl5-a4DL/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100574353221996474859&rtpof=true&sd=true

6) How many interns (engineers & designers) should be included in a team?
- Usually we have **1 designer**, **2 back-end**, **1 front-end**, **1 data scientist** per team. Once each team meet the basic number of interns, all the un matched interns can reach out to each team lead to the team they are interested in.