

Challenge Orientation

Bertelsmann Technology Scholarship

November 21, 2019





TODAY'S AGENDA

- Program Overview
- Getting Started
 - Accessing your Classroom
 - Slack Community
- Community Resources
- Upcoming Initiatives
- Scholarship Advice from Ioannis
- Final Wrap Up
- Live Q&A
- Happy Hour!

Program Overview



There are 2 Scholarship Phases:

- **Challenge Phase**
 - 15 week Challenge Course ending **March 5, 2020**
 - Robust Community Experience
 - Support from Student Leaders
 - Dedicated Community Manager
- **Nanodegree Phase**
 - **1,600** students to receive a full Scholarship to either **Deep Learning, Data Analyst or Cloud DevOps** Nanodegree.



**Challenge Phase:
15,000 Students**

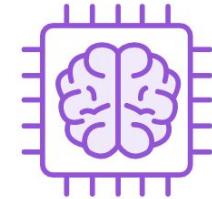
1,600 Students



**Data Analyst
Nanodegree**



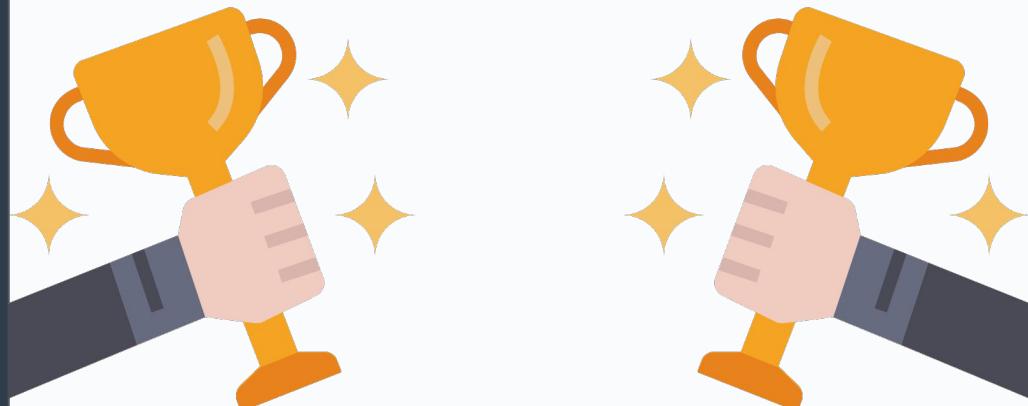
**Cloud DevOps
Nanodegree**



**Deep Learning
Nanodegree**

- **Successful completion of the Challenge course**
 - Course progress should be 100% in order for you to be selected.
- **Level of participation and support of classmates in the student community**
- **All the selection criteria used in Phase 1**
 - Criteria that was used when you were selected for Phase 1

Selection Criteria for Phase 2



Getting Started



"DON'T PANIC" SCHOLARSHIPS LIST

1 ACCESS YOUR CLASSROOM



Go to <https://classroom.udacity.com/me>
Click on the "Bertelsmann Scholarship Challenge" course card.

Your classroom is where you'll find the Challenge material that you need to complete by the end of Phase I of your program.

2 JOIN THE SLACK COMMUNITY



The Slack community is where you'll interact with, ask questions from, and receive support from your classmates.

First off... go to the #introductions channel and say hello!

You will find your Slack invite link in your Day 1 email and also in the Welcome to the Scholarship Challenge.

3 ATTEND ORIENTATION



Orientation will be held on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st @ 10 AM PST

We'll provide a program overview and answer your most pressing questions!

Orientation will be held via Zoom, you can join here:
<https://udacity.zoom.us/j/887556119>

4 BOOKMARK THE BERTELSMANN GOOGLE SITE



Stay on top of all program and community information!

Bookmark the Google Site here:
<http://bit.ly/bertelsmann-tech>

5 KNOW YOUR RESOURCES



Technical support:
• Refer to the #tech_help Slack channel for support from your classmates and volunteers

Program & administrative support:
• Stay tuned in the #ama-sessions Slack channel for your Weekly AMAs with your Community Manager. Check your track's tab on the Google site to find out your date & time.

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5 Easy Steps to Getting Started

- Access Your Classroom
- Join the Slack Community
- Attend Orientation
- Bookmark the Bertelsmann Challenge Google Site
- Know Your Resources

Print the "Don't Panic" sheet [here](#).

Accessing your Classroom

Go to your classroom using this link: <https://classroom.udacity.com/me> and find the Bertelsmann Tech Scholarship Challenge course card

The screenshot shows the Udacity Classroom interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the Udacity logo and navigation links: Home, Catalog, and Career Portal. At the bottom of the sidebar are two icons: a lightbulb for Ideas and a gear for Settings. The main content area has a header with 'Home' and tabs for 'NANODEGREE' and 'COURSES'. Below this is a section titled 'LATEST ACTIVITY' featuring a card for the 'Bertelsmann Tech Scholarship Challenge Course - AI Track'. The card includes the Udacity logo, the course name, and a 'CONTINUE →' button. Further down is a section titled 'CURRENT NANODEGREE ENROLLMENTS' with another card for the same course, also featuring the Udacity logo, the course name, and a 'PROGRAM HOME →' button.

After clicking your course card, click “Core Curriculum” to reach your coursework and begin your journey with the first lesson.

The screenshot shows the Udacity mobile application interface. On the left is a vertical navigation bar with icons for profile, home, search, syllabus, core curriculum, settings, and help. The main content area displays the following information:

- Bertelsmann Tech Scholarship Challenge Course**
- AI Track Nanodegree Program
- CORE CURRICULUM** (highlighted)
- No upcoming deadlines**
- 98% VIEWED**
- LESSON 1**
- Welcome to the Scholarship Challenge Course!**
- Welcome to the course! Here we'll get you oriented and set you up for success in this course.
- START →** button
- NOT STARTED**
- 2 minutes**
- A small illustration of a graduation cap with a brain inside, connected by a line to three green dots.

Slack Community



Join the Slack Community

Find the invite link in your welcome email
and the Welcome Lesson in your classroom

- Meet and connect with classmates!
- Get technical help from peers and Student Moderators
- Receive support & motivation
- Participate in AMA (Ask Me Anything) sessions and other community events!
- New to Slack? Use our How to Use Slack here.





slack & Community Guidelines

ONE: Respond in thread! We want to keep the whole convo together! Make sure to respond IN THREAD to the person you are replying too.

TWO: Use the Right Channel. Before you post, make sure you are posting your question or content in the correct channel

THREE: Be respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences. This is a space for learning and we want everyone to feel comfortable and welcome.

FOUR: Gracefully accept constructive criticism. We are here to grow and help one another! If someone has feedback about a project or idea, listen.

FIVE: What is best for the overall community. Make decisions that will impact the community positively! [**Find our Code of Conduct here**](#)

- Study for **an hour** everyday
- Stay active on the Slack Community & help your peers
 - Keep an eye out for messages on **#announcements** channel
 - Show up for official sessions like **#ama_sessions**
 - Follow the channels that you think are important for you
Don't track every channel
 - Take part in the **Community Initiatives**
 - Find a Study Partner or Study Group!



How to be a successful student?

Community Resources



Channel Leaders

Take help from your peers who have stepped up and decided to be **Channel Leaders.**

Every channel will have at least 3 Channel Leaders that you can reach out in case you need help

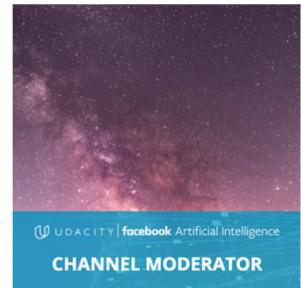
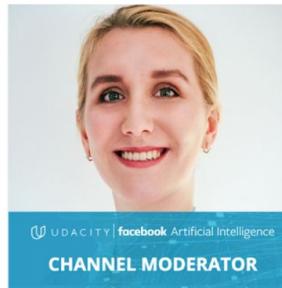
You can identify them using this **Unique Frame** in their profile picture.

Channel Moderators

Channel: #ama_sessions



Channel: #beginners



Channel: #celebrate

Technical Leaders

Classmates who may be Udacity graduates or have technical backgrounds, Use them for **technical knowledge & guidance!**

They will be available in the Slack **#tech_help** channel during designated times.

Applications for both roles open Monday, November 25! 

Technical Moderators



Scholarships Team

AMA Sessions for program and administrative questions in the **#ama-session** channel in Slack. Check your Track on the Google site for date & time.

Email Support for account questions:
scholarships-support@udacity.com

DM (Direct Message) with questions that are urgent or concern a personal matter



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Bookmark the Bertelsmann Challenge Google Site

The Bertelsmann Challenge site is your go-to spot for information on announcements, resources, the calendar of events, FAQ's, and more! Anytime you have a question, come here first to see if it's already been answered.

Link: <http://bit.ly/bertelsmann-tech>

Bertelsmann Technology Scholar...

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Cloud Track ▾

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Upcoming Initiatives



Community Initiatives

Study Groups

Join a Study Group that matches your interests or location. It's a great way to learn with peers

Coming 11/25/19

A Study Group can be for anything - **meetups, lessons, concepts** etc. and you can join which ever you want

BINGO!

Play Bertelsmann BINGO - our fun, interactive game to ease you into the Community & Course material!

Coming 11/22/19

Cover all spots on your Bingo card and submit it for a chance at a Udacity swag!

Study Jam

An truly collaborative experience when all students come together to work on their coursework

Coming Soon!

Volunteers needed for live technical & moral support & to host instructional webinars

Scholarship Advice



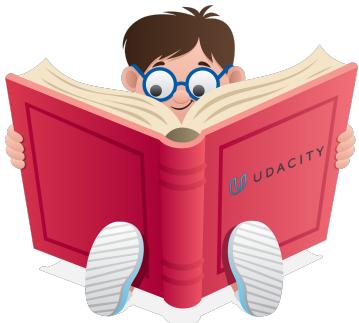
Meet Ioannis Anifantakis!



A little about Ioannis...

- Holds a BSc & MSc in Computer Science.
- Completed the Deep Learning, Deep Reinforcement Learning for Enterprise, and Android Developer Nanodegrees.
- Scholarships: Google & Facebook PyTorch
- Working as software engineer for 15+ years, a programming instructor since 2014 and as a speaker at technology events since 2016.

Surviving the Challenge...



Material



Community



Initiatives



Material

Stick on a weekly schedule - Be consistent

Keep Notes, they boost your learning

Cover all Videos & Quizzes

Revisit the material even if you understand it

Seek help but don't plagiarise



Community

Your participation to the community matters!

“hello posts” don’t count as activity. [Don’t flood!](#)

Don’t hesitate to ask - answer questions

Other students are not your competitors

Join the weekly slack sessions (AMAs)

Racism, Sexism, Bias of any kind will not be tolerated. We are all equal.



Initiatives

Form or Join a Study Group at slack

Make weekly Slack & Video sessions to help and be helped

The best way to learn is to explain the subject to other students who need help!

Survival Wrap up...



So what counts?

#1 Completion of Material & Quizzes...
before the challenge deadline

#2 Slack participation with...
posts relevant to the challenge subject

Don't leave all that for the last day...

Wrapping up...

When does the Challenge phase end?

The deadline for completing your Challenge course is **March 5th, 2020**



Do I need to complete all the coursework?

Yes. You will need to complete the coursework by **March 5th, 2020** to be considered for Phase 2.

Do I have to participate in Phase 1?

Yes, participation is required in Phase 1 as it is one of the selection criteria for Phase 2. While your #1 priority should be progressing through and completing your coursework. We recommend you engage with your peers, since we have seen time and again that the most successful students are those who learn in community. Best of luck!

Live Q&A



Happy Hour!*

Join us in the #introductions channel in Slack
to meet your new classmates, answer fun
ice-breaker questions, and relax a little!

**No alcohol required!!!*

