Reinforcement Learning for Research Applications Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core concepts of reinforcement learning algorithms and their mathematical foundations.
2. Distinguish between model-based and model-free methods in research settings.
3. Explore value-based, policy-based, and actor-critic methods for advanced modeling.
4. Apply Markov Decision Processes (MDPs) to research-driven problem scenarios.
5. Leverage deep reinforcement learning (DRL) for high-dimensional research data.
6. Utilize tools such as OpenAI Gym, TensorFlow, and PyTorch in real-time projects.
7. Design and evaluate reward structures for research-based experiments.
8. Build and fine-tune RL models for healthcare research and clinical trials.
9. Analyze environment-agent interactions for decision-making models.
10. Apply RL techniques to autonomous systems and robotics simulations.
11. Implement multi-agent reinforcement learning (MARL) in economic and social models.
12. Conduct reproducible RL experiments and track performance metrics.
13. Translate RL models into publishable academic outputs and presentations.

Target Audience

1. Academic researchers in AI and data science
2. Graduate students in machine learning or computational science
3. AI developers seeking research-oriented applications
4. Healthcare researchers exploring AI integration
5. Environmental scientists applying predictive models
6. Financial analysts modeling complex behaviors
7. Robotics engineers working with autonomous systems
8. Government or NGO data analysts in policy modeling

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Reinforcement Learning

- Understand RL basics and key terminologies
- Learn the role of agents, environments, and rewards
- Explore differences between RL and supervised learning
- Introduction to OpenAI Gym for research applications
- Overview of Python libraries for RL
- **Case Study**: Using RL in ecological modeling simulations

Module 2: Markov Decision Processes (MDPs)

- Define states, actions, rewards in MDPs
- Understand Bellman equations and dynamic programming
- Explore value and policy iteration
- Analyze transition probabilities for real data

- Python-based implementation of MDPs
- **Case Study**: Modeling decision-making in behavioral economics

Module 3: Deep Reinforcement Learning

- Combine deep learning with RL techniques
- Work with Q-learning and deep Q-networks (DQNs)
- Implement convolutional neural networks in RL
- Handle continuous state and action spaces
- Use TensorFlow and PyTorch for DRL
- **Case Study**: Applying DRL to cancer treatment optimization

Module 4: Policy Optimization Techniques

- Understand policy gradients
- Explore actor-critic methods
- Implement REINFORCE algorithm
- Optimize performance using advantage estimation
- Apply PPO and A3C in research
- **Case Study**: Simulating human behavior in psychology studies

Module 5: Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL)

- Introduction to multiple agents and environments
- Design communication protocols among agents
- Train agents collaboratively or competitively
- Analyze MARL in social systems
- Investigate coordination vs. competition dynamics
- **Case Study**: Resource allocation modeling in urban planning

Module 6: Real-World Applications and Challenges

- Address ethical considerations in AI-driven research
- Ensure safety and robustness in RL applications
- Deal with sparse or delayed rewards
- Scale RL for complex environments
- Evaluate performance in uncertain settings
- **Case Study**: RL-based traffic system optimization

Module 7: Tools and Libraries for RL Research

- Use OpenAI Gym for simulated environments
- Explore TensorFlow Agents and Stable Baselines3
- Visualize training progress and debugging
- Manage experiments and data logs
- Compare performance across frameworks
- **Case Study**: Comparative study of RL tools in drug design

Module 8: Publishing, Reproducibility, and Ethics

- Format RL experiments for academic papers
- Ensure reproducibility and replicability of models
- Apply open science and open data principles
- Use version control for collaborative research
- Address fairness and bias in AI research
- **Case Study**: Publishing a reproducible RL study in neuroscience

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led lectures using multimedia presentations
- Hands-on coding exercises and walkthroughs
- Weekly quizzes and peer-reviewed mini-projects
- Group discussions and case study analysis
- Final capstone project based on a research theme
- Access to pre-recorded tutorials and reading materials

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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