Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will the courses be conducted in person or online?
A. Both the ICTC course and the first semester of the George Brown College Blockchain Development Certificate Program will be offered fully online. The second semester of the George Brown College course is TBD.

Q. What is the cost of the program?
A. There is no cost for selected participants. The entire AFR program, including all courses, are being offered free of charge!

Q. What if I don’t complete the program?
A. Participants are responsible for completing the program, therefore we request that all applicants are committed to successfully completing the program prior to applying.

Q. Is it possible to participate in the ICTC course without participating in the college course?
A. Currently the ICTC course is only being offered as part of the AFR package.

Q. This program doesn't match my skill set, is there another one I can take?
A. ICTC offers a variety of training programs, please consult our website for more information.

Q. Is this program being offered across Canada?
A. No, it is only open to residents of Ontario able to participate in classes at George Brown College, should they be offered in person post-COVID after the first semester. George Brown College is located in Toronto, Ontario.

Q. If I don’t live in Ontario do I qualify?
A. No, this program is only offered to residents of Ontario. Also, you may be required to attend in-person courses at George Brown College in Toronto after the first semester. The work placement will also take place in Ontario.

Q. I am not a permanent resident of Canada, am I still eligible to participate if I have a work permit?
A. Unfortunately no, this program is only open to permanent Canadian residents in Ontario.

Q. What does it mean to be a newcomer to Canada?
A. Having landed in Canada within the last five years.

Q. Are there more details available about the course from George Brown College?
A. George Brown College currently offers a blockchain program, the curriculum of this course is being enhanced to include a focus on fintech. To review the current program information go to their official webpage HERE. More details on the blockchain development certificate program will be available shortly.

Q. Can you give me more information about the paid 360-hour work placement?
A. As part of the George Brown College three semester program, all AFR program participants will be matched to an Ontario employer offering a work integrated learning placement in a financial technology/blockchain position. The position will be a paid work placement consisting of 360 hours in the final semester. There is no guarantee which employer you will be matched to, and any other details such as salary, location, and full-time employment offers will be dependent of the individual employer. However in our experience, learners typically receive $18/hour + benefits.
Q. Can I participate in the AFR program if I’m already employed?
A. This program is available to newcomers to Canada living in Ontario who are unemployed or underemployed.

Q. I don’t have a blockchain background, can I still participate in this program?
A. Yes! As long as you have the digital/ICT experience necessary to complete the program and find relevant employment afterwards.

Q. What is blockchain?
A. Blockchain is a digital, decentralized database containing information (like financial records) that can be used and shared within a public network. It is a booming industry, being used more and more predominantly in financial services, cryptocurrency, and supply chain management.

Q. What is the average blockchain salary?
A. The median salary across blockchain-based industry is roughly $113,000 in Ontario.

Q. I’m trying to register for the program, but am having issues with the PDF document not saving my information.
A. If you are having issues saving your employment or education experience on the PDF form, please send us your resume when registering.

Q. Will all applicants who apply for the program be invited to participate?
A. No, there are a limited number of spots and only those who are best qualified will be selected to move forward.

Q. I’ve registered for the program and submitted all the required documents, what are the next steps?
A. We will notify you if you are selected to participate. We will be selecting participants based on experience and backgrounds to begin the program, which begins in August. Until this time, you may be selected to participate in an ICTC research study.