ORIGIN ACADEMY · COURSE SYLLABUS

Get Hired: The Engineer's Job Search

A short course included with every program: plan your search, build a CV and portfolio that get read, find and apply for local, remote and international roles, and prepare for interviews and offers.

4 weeks · about 4 hours a week · live cohort of up to 10
Curriculum last updated 20 November 2026

Price

Included with every course: everyone who enrolls in one of our courses takes it alongside their course, at no extra cost.

Before you start

- A course with us: Get Hired is included with every one
- Projects to show, or ones you're building in your course
- English good enough to follow technical documentation and live sessions: about a credit (C6 or better) in WASSCE or NECO English Language, or an equivalent such as KCSE or IGCSE English (roughly CEFR level B1). You don't need the certificate: Phase 0 is free, so you can check for yourself
- A laptop running Linux, macOS, or Windows with WSL

How the course works

- A live cohort of up to 10 students, with a mentor.
- At least half your time is hands-on: every module ends with a lab.
- Live sessions are recorded, so you can rewatch them or catch up.
- Questions between sessions are answered within 24 hours on weekdays.
- A mentor reviews every phase project, like a pull request at work.

Phase 0 is free for everyone, before you enroll.

Curriculum

PHASE 0 · WEEK 1 · FREE

Your Job Search Plan

What employers mean by junior and mid-level, how to read a job ad like a hiring manager, and a plan that fits the weeks you have.

- What junior, mid-level and senior really mean
- Reading a job ad like a hiring manager
- Your skills gap and a 30-day plan
- Local, remote and international roles

You build: Job search plan with 20 target roles and companies

PHASE 1 · WEEK 2

CV, Portfolio & LinkedIn

A one-page engineering CV, a GitHub portfolio that shows how you work, and a LinkedIn profile recruiters can find.

- An engineer's CV that survives a 30-second scan
- Your GitHub portfolio and project READMEs
- A LinkedIn profile recruiters find
- Writing about your capstone

You build: CV, portfolio and LinkedIn profile reviewed by a mentor

PHASE 2 · WEEK 3

Finding & Applying for Jobs

Where engineering jobs are advertised, referrals and outreach that get replies, tracking applications, and spotting fake offers.

- Where the jobs are: boards, communities and referrals
- Outreach messages that get replies
- Tracking your applications
- Spotting fake job offers and scams

You build: 20 tailored applications and an application tracker

PHASE 3 · WEEK 4

Interviews, Offers & Your First 90 Days

Technical and behavioural interviews, take-home tasks, mock interviews with a mentor, negotiating an offer, and starting well.

- Technical interviews: coding, debugging and take-home tasks
- Behavioural interviews and the STAR method
- Mock interviews with a mentor
- Offers, salary negotiation and contracts
- Getting paid by an employer abroad
- Your first 90 days

You build: Two mock interviews with written feedback

Questions

Email academy@originclouds.io, or see the course online: https://academy.originclouds.io/courses/get-hired