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Certified AI Investigator

Level 1

Frequently Asked Questions

This document answers the questions most often asked by professionals considering the Certified AI Investigator programme. It covers what the credential is, who the programme is built for, how it is taught and scheduled, what the curriculum and the platforms are, how the examination and the credential work, and what the fee covers.

It is written for prospective participants and for the partners, practice heads and function leaders who nominate them. Anything not answered here can be taken up with the programme office, whose details appear at the end.

Batch commencing the third week of September 2026

Live online, forty eight hours, twenty five places

Enrolment is open

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A. The credential and the programme

1. What is the Certified AI Investigator credential?

It is an artificial intelligence certification built for the investigation profession, and it is the first of its kind in India. The taught programme runs to forty eight hours across eight modules and six phases, delivered live and online, and it teaches investigation professionals to work with artificial intelligence across the full investigative cycle, from acquisition and structuring, through correlation, anomaly detection and network analysis, to reporting and evidence governance.

2. Who confers the credential?

It is conferred jointly by the Global Association of Forensic Accountants and IIRIS Consulting. The Global Association of Forensic Accountants is a global body that advances professional standards in forensic accounting and fraud investigation, and IIRIS Consulting is a specialist risk management, investigation and due diligence firm. The programme is taught by practitioners drawn from both, together with faculty from applied technology practice in India, the Gulf and international markets.

3. How is this different from a general artificial intelligence course?

A general course teaches the technology. This programme teaches the work. Every module is anchored to a stage of an investigation and is taught on the platform that a practitioner would actually use at that stage, and the assessment is a matter carried end to end rather than a test of tool familiarity. Fraud is now engineered with technology, crosses jurisdictions within hours and leaves its trail in data rather than in files, and the relationships that decide a case are rarely visible in any single document. The programme is built around that reality.

4. Why is it described as Level 1?

Level 1 is the foundation credential in the Certified AI Investigator framework, and it establishes competence across the full investigative cycle. Any further level will be announced separately by the two conferring bodies.

5. Is this a lecture course, or do participants use the tools themselves?

Participants run the tools themselves. The programme is taught on eight working platforms with live demonstration, participants build agents for their own recurring tasks, and the programme closes with a capstone in which a matter is carried from acquisition to a governed and defensible output.

6. What will I be able to do on completing the programme?

Six capabilities are taught and assessed.

- Plan an artificial intelligence assisted investigation and choose the right tool at each stage.
- Collect, clean and structure multi source data into an analysable base.
- Correlate identities, entities, transactions and ownership across sources.
- Detect anomalies, score risk and test the authenticity of documents and media.
- Build and read link analysis graphs that expose collusion and hidden control.
- Report findings that are traceable to evidence, and govern that evidence throughout.

B. Who it is for, and what you need to enrol

7. Which roles is the programme built for?

It is built for six groups of practitioners, and the reason differs for each.

- Fraud examiners and forensic accountants, who need to review full populations rather than samples, and to show the analytical basis behind every finding.
- Corporate investigators, internal audit and compliance teams, who need to triage complaint volumes consistently and to map related party networks that manual review does not surface.
- Due diligence and background verification professionals, who need to collect open source material at scale across languages and jurisdictions, and to resolve entity ambiguity.
- Law enforcement and financial intelligence practitioners, who need to run link analysis across large datasets while keeping the chain of custody intact.
- Legal, disputes and electronic discovery teams, who need to triage document populations before review, and to judge what an artificial intelligence derived finding can support in proceedings.
- Corporate security, insider threat and intelligence functions, who need to replace point in time checks with continuous monitoring on a shorter production cycle.

8. I lead a practice or a function rather than doing the analysis myself. Is the programme still relevant?

Yes, and a number of places in each cohort are taken by partners, practice heads and function leaders. They attend in order to build the workflow, the tooling and the governance for a team rather than for a single user, and to set the internal standard of review that artificial intelligence assisted work will be held to within their organisation.

9. What experience do I need in order to enrol?

A minimum of three years of work experience in a relevant field, being investigation, forensic accounting, audit, compliance, due diligence, legal or disputes, law enforcement, financial intelligence or corporate security.

10. Do I need a coding or data science background?

No. No coding background is assumed at any point in the programme. The platforms taught are chosen because a practitioner can operate them without writing code, and the sequence begins with foundations before any tool is opened.

11. I have not used artificial intelligence tools in my work so far. Will I be able to keep up?

The first module covers investigation principles, fraud ecosystems, open source intelligence and how the models actually work, so that the cohort begins from a common footing. Each module then carries a study handbook, guided questions to work through after the session and test scenarios to run on the platform taught, which is what carries a participant from the demonstration to being able to do the work unaided.

C. Format, schedule and joining from outside India

12. How is the programme delivered?

It is delivered live and online, instructor led, and taught in English. The taught programme runs to forty eight hours in total.

13. When does the batch commence, and over what period does it run?

The batch commences in the third week of September 2026, and the teaching weekends fall within an eight week window. Enrolment is open.

14. What is the time commitment each week?

Sessions run on Saturday and Sunday from 14:00 to 17:00 Indian Standard Time, being three hours on each of the two days. Time should also be allowed outside the sessions for the guided questions and the test scenarios that accompany each module, and for the capstone towards the close of the programme.

15. Can I attend from outside India?

Yes. The cohort is open in any jurisdiction and is drawn from Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Europe. The session timing has been set deliberately so that it falls within the working day across that band.

16. What is the local session time where I am?

D. The curriculum and the platforms

18. What does the curriculum cover?

Eight modules across six phases, the phases running from foundations, through data acquisition and preparation, correlation and analysis, network analysis and reporting, to governance and the capstone.

19. Which platforms are taught, and what is each used for?

Eight platforms are taught, each at the stage of the cycle where a practitioner would reach for it. Claude is used for document analysis, reasoning across evidence sets and building investigative agents. Perplexity is used for sourced open source research and verification. Manus is used for agent based autonomous collection. Apache NiFi is used for automated ingestion pipelines. KNIME is used for data preparation, anomaly detection and risk scoring without code. Maltego is used for entity correlation and ownership tracing. Gephi is used for network graph construction and centrality analysis. LM Studio is used for local deployment where material cannot leave the environment.

20. Why teach eight platforms rather than one?

Because no single platform answers an investigation. Choosing the right tool at each stage, and being able to state the limits of what it produces, is itself one of the capabilities the credential certifies. The programme therefore teaches a working toolset rather than a single product, and the reasoning behind each choice is taught alongside the operation of it.

21. What is the capstone?

A single matter carried end to end, from acquisition through structuring, correlation and analysis to a reported output that is traceable to evidence and governed throughout. It sits in the final module and it is the point at which the separate modules are made to work together.

22. Does the programme deal with the risks of using artificial intelligence in investigative work?

Yes, and it does so throughout rather than in a single session. Responsible use, confidentiality, bias and hallucination risk are covered in the first module. The legal and ethical boundaries of each collection method are covered in the second. Authenticity assessment, including synthetic media, is covered in the fifth. The separation of fact from inference, and the documenting of

method so that work can be re performed, are covered in the seventh. Preservation, metadata integrity, chain of custody and local deployment for confidential matters are covered in the eighth.

23. Should I bring material from my own matters to the sessions?

No. The programme supplies test scenarios for each platform taught, and the exercises are run on those. Client confidential material should not be uploaded to any platform during the sessions. Where a participant needs to work on material that cannot leave a controlled environment, the eighth module covers local model deployment for exactly that situation.

24. What course materials are provided?

Each module carries a study handbook containing reading material and detailed study notes, guided questions to work through after the session, test scenarios to run on the platforms taught, and a one page summary of the module. These are provided as part of the fee.

E. Materials, examination and the credential

25. What is required in order to be certified?

Completion of the taught programme and of the examination. The credential is awarded on both, and attendance alone does not carry it.

26. When is the examination held, and how many attempts are permitted?

The examination is taken within six months of completing the taught programme, and two attempts are permitted. The window allows a participant to sit it once the material has been applied in their own work rather than immediately on finishing the sessions.

27. What is the format of the examination?

The format will be announced to the cohort ahead of the examination window opening.

28. What happens if I am not successful at the first attempt?

A second attempt is permitted and one reattempt is already covered by the fee, so no further payment arises on it.

29. What do I receive on completion?

The Certified AI Investigator, Level 1 credential, conferred jointly by the Global Association of Forensic Accountants and IIRIS Consulting.

30. Can I take the taught programme without taking the certification?

The programme is offered as a single enrolment covering the taught sessions, the examination and the credential, and the fee is stated in two components only so that the composition of it is clear. Where an organisation requires the components to be treated separately for its own purposes, the programme office will confirm the position on request.

F. Fees and enrolment

31. What is the fee?

The total fee is INR 65,000 or USD 680, made up as follows.

Component	Amount
Training, being forty eight hours of live instruction and all course materials	INR 45,000 or USD 470
Certification and examination	INR 20,000 or USD 210
Total	INR 65,000 or USD 680

32. What does the fee cover?

Live instruction across the forty eight hours, the module handbooks, the guided questions and test scenarios, the one page module summaries, the examination and one reattempt, and the credential on completion.

33. Are taxes included in the fee?

No. Taxes are applicable in addition to the amounts stated.

34. How do I enrol?

Enrolment is through the programme office, whose details appear on the following page, or through the registration link carried on the programme brochure. Places are confirmed in the order in which enrolments are completed, and the cohort is limited to twenty five.

35. Can an organisation nominate several participants together?

Yes, and organisations nominating a group are asked to approach the programme office directly, so that the nominations can be handled together and the composition of the group discussed against the places remaining in the cohort.

Contact

Anything not answered here can be taken up with the programme office, who will also confirm a place in the cohort commencing in the third week of September 2026.

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