



# EDUCATION

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## EDUCATION POLICY DOCUMENT FROM THE FOUNDRY

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### WHO ARE OUR EDUCATION PRODUCTS FOR?

#### STUDENTS

You are enrolled at a secondary school, degree-granting or certificate-granting VFX-related course lasting at least 5 months, which requires attendance of at least two days per week. Examples of VFX-related topics include Animation, Compositing, Design, Editing, Modelling etc.

Licences for students enrolled in part-time or short courses, running for 4 weeks or more, could be arranged directly with course providers. For more information please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) with the details of your course and course provider.

#### GRADUATES

You have completed a degree-granting or certificate-granting VFX-related course within the past 3 months.

#### TEACHING STAFF

You are a member of staff employed for 3 days or more per week at a secondary school, degree-granting or certificate-granting learning, teaching or training institution that teaches VFX-related subjects.

#### INSTITUTIONS

Secondary schools, degree-granting and certificate-granting learning, teaching or training institutions teaching VFX-related subjects. Examples of VFX-related topics include Animation, Compositing, Design, Editing, Modelling and more.

Institutions that form a division or department of a commercial facility may not be eligible for educational pricing. If you are unsure the institution you represent do not fit the above criteria please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk).



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## WHAT ARE OUR EDUCATION PRODUCTS?

There are 4 different Education products in our range:

STUDENT LICENCE, GRADUATE LICENCE, TEACHING STAFF LICENCE AND INSTITUTION LICENCES

### STUDENT LICENCE

Create an amazing demo reel, ace your final year project and make sure you're ready for that dream job with our Student Education Licence. If you're a student, and want to use NUKEX, MARI and HIERO during your course, this licence is for you and it's over 95% off.

How much does it cost?

**£150 / \$250 / €180**

\*pricing is per seat, per year and excludes VAT or any local sales taxes

#### Product information

- 12 month node-locked licence of NUKEX, MARI and HIERO
- Licences can be purchased each year of your course for up to four years
- Unrenewed licences expire after 12 months
- Free software upgrades for the duration of the licence

#### Am I eligible?

Eligible students should attend a secondary school, degree-granting or certificate-granting VFX-related course lasting at least 5 months, which requires attendance of at least two days per week.

Licences for students enrolled in part-time or short courses, running for 4 weeks or more, could be arranged directly with course providers. For more information please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) with the details of your course and course provider. If you don't meet these criteria but still think you should be eligible, please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk).

#### What do we need from you to order?

- Contact details. Name, address, phone & email.
- Official photo ID or Student ID with valid date.
- Official course documentation OR a signed letter from your tutor (on stamped or headed paper) detailing start & end date.
- Completed credit card form.
- Your system ID – to find it search 'system ID' on our website.

#### Additional order information

- Maximum order of 1 licence per student
- In some cases Students and Teaching staff may only be eligible to purchase if the educational institute at which you are employed has active annual or permanent education licences.
- Parents, relatives and guardians can purchase for students as long as the required education identification documents are provided and contain the students details.
- Licences can only be used for education purposes. Any commercial or non-educational use must be agreed in writing by The Foundry.
- MODO licences are available with education discounts. Please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) for details.



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## GRADUATE LICENCE

Finish your demo reel, develop your personal projects and enhance your portfolio so you can secure the job of your dreams with our Graduate Education Licence. If you've recently graduated from a VFX related course or you're just about to, and want to continue using NUKEX, MARI and HIERO after your course ends, this licence is for you, and it's over 95% off.

How much does it cost?

**£150 / \$250 / €180**

\*pricing is per seat, per year and excludes VAT or any local sales taxes

What do I get?

- 12 month node-locked licence of NUKEX, MARI and HIERO
- The Graduate Licence can only be purchased once and will expire after 12 months
- Free software upgrades for the duration of the licence

Am I eligible?

Course graduates who have attended a VFX related course, of any length over 5 months, are eligible to purchase the Graduate Education Licence. The licence can be purchased up to 3 months after the course has finished, starting immediately. Purchase can also be made at any point before graduation but, in this case, the start date of the licence activation will be on the last day of the course.

If you don't meet these criteria but still think you should be eligible, please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk).

What do we need from you?

- Contact details. Name, address, phone & email.
- Official photo ID.
- Official course documentation OR a signed letter from your tutor (on stamped or headed paper) detailing start & end date.
- Completed credit card form.
- Your system ID – to find it search 'system ID' on our website.

Additional order information

- Maximum order of 1 licence per graduate
- Can be purchased up to 3 months after graduation, licence term starting immediately.
- Can be purchased at any point before graduation, licence term starting on date of graduation.
- Parents, relatives and guardians can purchase for students as long as the required education identification documents are provided and contain the student's details.
- Licences can only be used for education purposes. Any commercial use must be agreed in writing by The Foundry.



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## TEACHING STAFF LICENCE

Refine your NUKEX, MARI & HIERO teaching skills on the most recent versions of the software with our Teaching Staff Education Licence. If you're teaching a VFX related course including NUKEX, MARI and HIERO, this licence is for you, and it's over 95% off.

How much does it cost?

**£150 / \$250 / €180**

\*pricing is per seat, per year and excludes VAT or any local sales taxes

What do I get?

- 12 month node-locked licence of NUKEX, MARI and HIERO
- Licences can be purchased each year of your course for up to four years
- Unrenewed licences expire after 12 months
- Free software upgrades for the duration of the licence

Am I eligible?

Eligible teaching staff must be employed for 3 days or more per week at a secondary school, degree-granting or certificate-granting learning, teaching or training institution that teaches VFX-related subjects. Examples of VFX-related subjects include Animation, Compositing, Design, Editing, Modelling and more.

If you are employed for less than 3 days per week, or do not meet the above criteria in any other way, please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) with details of your employment.

What do we need from you?

- Contact details. Name, address, phone & email.
- Currently dated staff photo ID card OR a signed letter from the registrar/head of department confirming employment OR a copy of a currently dated staff pay slip including employee name and employer name (sensitive details such as pay amounts or social security/NI numbers can be blacked out).
- Completed credit card form.
- Your system ID – to find it search 'system ID' on our website.

Additional order information

- Maximum order of 1 licence per teaching staff.
- In some cases Students and Teaching staff may only be eligible to purchase if the educational institute at which you are employed has active annual or permanent education licences.
- Licences can only be used for education purposes. Any commercial or non-educational use must be agreed in writing by The Foundry.
- MODO licences are available with education discounts. Please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) for details.



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## INSTITUTION LICENCES

Refine your team's NUKEX, MARI & HIERO teaching skills on the most recent versions of the software with our Annual Education Licence for Institutions. If you represent a group or school that is teaching a VFX related course, and are looking to purchase a minimum of 10 licences of NUKEX, MARI and HIERO, our Institution licences are for you.

There are two types of Institution licence; the Annual Institution Licence and the Permanent Institution Licence.

### ANNUAL INSTITUTION LICENCE

How much does it cost?

**£180 / \$300 / €215**

\*pricing is per seat, per year and excludes VAT or any local sales taxes.  
Minimum order of 10 seats applies.

What do I get?

- 12 month licences of NUKEX, MARI and HIERO
- Can select a combination of node-locked and floating licences.
- Render nodes included for each GUI licence purchased - additional renders available at educational prices.
- Unrenewed licences expire after 12 months
- Free software upgrades for the duration of the licence

Am I eligible?

You are a secondary school, degree-granting or certificate-granting learning, teaching or training institution teaching VFX-related subjects. Examples of VFX-related topics include Animation, Compositing, Design, Editing, Modelling and more. If your educational institution does not fit this criteria please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk)

Is your institution on Creative Skillset's accredited schools list? You may be entitled to a discount or software offer, please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) for more details.

What do we need from you?

- A valid, official purchase order issued from a verified parent entity or the educational entity that will be using the licences OR course outline/supporting documentation on headed paper.
- A valid web address.
- Your system ID - to find it search 'system ID' on our website.

Additional order information

- Minimum order of 10 licences.
- Website verification and approval from The Foundry Education team will be needed for orders to be processed.
- Training facilities that form a division or department of a commercial facility may not be eligible for educational pricing. Please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) for details.
- Licences can only be used for education purposes. Any commercial or non-educational use must be agreed in writing by The Foundry.
- MODO licences are available with education discounts. Please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) for details.

### PERMANENT INSTITUTION LICENCE

How much does it cost?

**£720 / \$1,190 / €865**

\*pricing is per seat for 3 years and excludes VAT or any local sales taxes.  
Minimum order of 10 seats applies. Annual Maintenance renewal commences after initial 3 year term at £42/\$70/€51 per seat, per year.

What do I get?

- Permanent licences of NUKEX, MARI and HIERO
- 3 years Maintenance included, including product updates and technical support.
- Can select a combination of node-locked and floating licences.
- Render nodes included for each GUI licence purchased - additional renders available at educational prices.



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## WHAT TRAINING RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO LEARNERS?

You can find all of our training resources on our website here: [www.thefoundry.co.uk/training](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/training)

### Training resources

We have a range of materials to suit all needs and experience levels. These differ slightly by product, but fall into the following categories:

#### USER GUIDES

Available for all our products, our User Guides offer detailed, step-by-step information about how to use our software. Provided as a downloadable PDF, you can print your User Guide for handy reference.

User Guides are updated with each release, so in order to keep up-to-date please ensure you are working from the most recent edition.

These are the main training reference resources for our software.

#### USER GUIDE ASSETS

These accompany the main User Guides and include images and other items needed for the tutorials.

#### VIDEO TUTORIALS

Our video tutorials bring our products to life. Featuring both guest and in-house experts, they cover a wide range of topics and tackle specific questions. We're constantly adding new tutorials to this section, so please check back regularly.

#### PRODUCT TOURS

Product Tours are a series of associated video tutorials, providing advice in an incremental way. These allow you to manage your learning at your own pace.

#### PRODUCT FORUMS

Nukepedia is an online resource for NUKE, including downloads, tips, workflow tutorials and more - [www.nukepedia.com](http://www.nukepedia.com)

Paintmore is an online resource for MARI, including downloads, tips, workflow tutorials and more - [www.paintmore.co.uk](http://www.paintmore.co.uk)

#### VIDEO CHANNELS

- YouTube channel - [www.youtube.com/user/TheFoundryChannel](http://www.youtube.com/user/TheFoundryChannel)
- Vimeo channel - [www.vimeo.com/TheFoundry](http://www.vimeo.com/TheFoundry)

## 3RD PARTY INFORMATION SOURCES

There are a number of excellent information sources and communities for The Foundry products, some great places to start include:

- fxguide NUKE forum
- VFXTalk NUKE forum
- VFX NATION NUKE Forum
- Creative COW NUKE FORUM
- CGSociety



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## HOW CAN I BECOME A CERTIFIED NUKE TRAINER?

### fxphd TRAIN THE TRAINER PROGRAM



In 2011 we teamed up with fxphd to create and deliver a high-quality NUKE training program, accessible in all corners of the globe.

Including over 30 hours of in-depth NUKE training from fxphd's world-renowned team and assessment via a combination of online technical questions and practical project-driven work, only those who complete the program successfully can refer to themselves as 'NUKE Trainer: Certified by The Foundry and fxphd'. This means official recognition as a NUKE trainer and a profile on The Foundry website.

Graduates can also exchange knowledge with other trainers in the program on private forums and have access to exclusive post-certification asset packs for courseware design from fxphd. Re-certification also enable trainers to keep up-to-date with the latest NUKE releases and features.

#### About the program

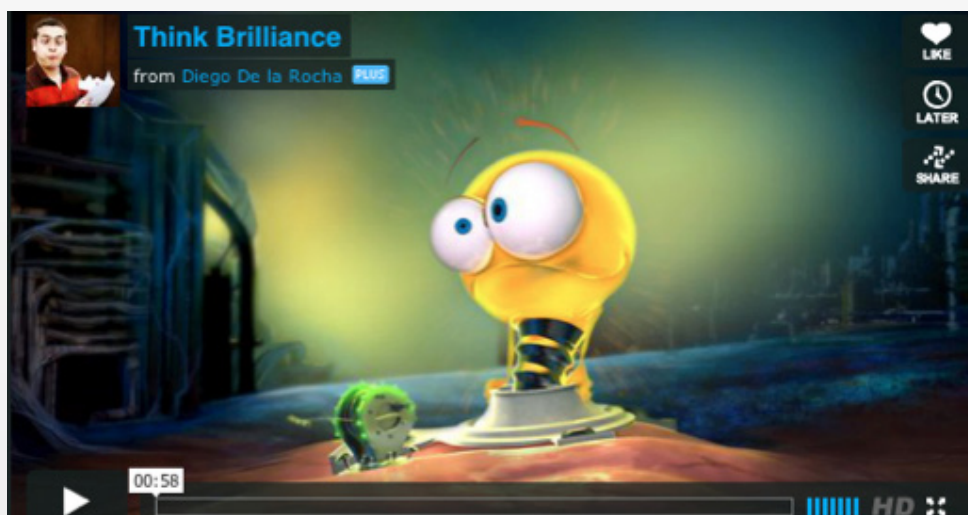
- Over 30 hours of training broken into two courses: NUKE for Trainers Level One & Nuke for Trainers Level Two.
- Join any time.
- Class material is available immediately for download. No waiting.
- One-year access to the fxphd private NUKE for Trainers discussion forum where you can ask the instructor questions.

Interested in applying for the NUKE Train the Trainer program? Then visit the fxphd website for full details here: [www.fxphd.com/news/nuketraener-2](http://www.fxphd.com/news/nuketraener-2)

## WHERE CAN I SHOWCASE STUDENT WORK?

The Student Stars Vimeo channel is perfect for showcasing student work.

All you need to do is send your content over to us with your full name and contact details to [studentstars@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:studentstars@thefoundry.co.uk) and we'll get back to you.







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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHERE CAN I FIND SCHOOLS TEACHING WITH NUKE IN MY AREA?

All schools using the software can be searched by country on our website: [www.thefoundry.co.uk/education/course-providers/](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/education/course-providers/)

### ARE THE EDUCATIONAL VERSIONS DIFFERENT TO THE COMMERCIAL VERSIONS?

The products supplied under the Educational Licence options are functionally identical to the commercial versions.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I USE MY EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE FOR A COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION PROJECT WHERE I GET PAID AS AN ARTIST OR MEMBER OF THE PRODUCTION / POST PRODUCTION TEAM?

Using a licence purchased at an educational discount for a commercial post production project is a breach of the EULA (End User Licensing Agreement) and is software piracy.

### DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL HARDWARE?

NUKEX will run on relatively modest hardware check details here: [www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/nuke/system-requirements](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/nuke/system-requirements)

MARI and HIERO have some specific machine and graphics card requirements, check the details here:

- MARI - [www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/mari/system-requirements](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/mari/system-requirements)
- HIERO - [www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/hiero/system-requirements](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/hiero/system-requirements)

### CAN I PURCHASE JUST PLUG-INS?

Yes. For price information please contact [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk)

### CAN I STILL USE THE SOFTWARE THAT I HAVE PURCHASED WHEN I AM NO LONGER A STUDENT?

Your Student Education Licence will expire 12 months after you renew it in the final year of your course. If you still want to use NUKEX, MARI and HIERO after you graduate, you can purchase our Graduate Education Licence for another 12 months of software use, and for the same price as the Student Licence.

### WHAT ARE YOUR POLICIES WITH REGARDS TO RETURNS?

Refunds for permanent or temporary licence keys cannot be issued.

### HOW MANY TIMES CAN I INSTALL MY SOFTWARE?

Most products are single licence installations for one machine / licence server. If you have floating licences, any machine connected to the Floating Licence Server can run the software as long as you have purchased sufficient seats. Floating licences are not available for the Student Licence or Teaching Staff Licence.

### ARE MANUALS INCLUDED WITH THE SOFTWARE?

Our user guides are in electronic PDF format. These can be saved to your desktop as a PDF and come included in your software download as well as being able to download from our website here: [www.thefoundry.co.uk/support/user-guides](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/support/user-guides)

### WHO DO I CONTACT FOR SUPPORT?

There's lots of useful information here [www.thefoundry.co.uk/support](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/support) as well as industry forums.

### CAN I TRANSFER MY LICENCE?

Providing the transfer is inline with our licence transfer policy, we permit licence transfers [www.thefoundry.co.uk/support/faqs/#transfer](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/support/faqs/#transfer)





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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - CONTINUED

### WHAT IS MAINTENANCE?

Subject to annual renewal, Maintenance by The Foundry includes technical support and all product updates

**Product updates** - You guide our development. We listen to all the feedback we receive and are constantly asking ourselves 'will this make your work even better, or easier?'. With many more new features added each year, we will help you keep your competitive edge. You can check out the latest additions on our Product pages.

**Technical Support** - We know how critical help can be when you're on a deadline, so with the best support team around (or so our customers keep telling us), we make sure we are easy to contact and quick to respond. Our team resolves 1000's of tickets each year. If you want to get in touch or find out more visit our Support pages.

Learn more about Maintenance here: [www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/maintenance](http://www.thefoundry.co.uk/products/maintenance).

The Permanent Education Licence is the only option that is eligible for full maintenance. The first 3 years of maintenance is included in the price. Although the permanent licence will not expire you will only be able to access upgrades and the support team whilst there is a valid maintenance contract attached to the permanent licences. Once the initial three year maintenance contract has expired you will be able to renew annually. For Annual Educational Licence customers and Student / Teaching Staff licences product upgrades are included.

### IS THERE A COURSE STRUCTURE OR CURRICULUM?

We do not currently have a course curriculum but are hoping to introduce some learning support tools in the near future.

### DO YOU KNOW OF ANY COURSE STRUCTURES OR CURRICULUM?

There are a number of companies and freelancers that provide training or curriculum support, plus the fxphd NUKE Train the Trainer program.

### QUESTION NOT ANSWERED IN THE FAQ?

Email [education@thefoundry.co.uk](mailto:education@thefoundry.co.uk) and we'll do our best to answer it.