Create a Google Cloud Billing Account to Use Your GCP Credits

Below are the next steps to get started using your GCP Research Credits

1. If you or your university do not have a GCP account, sign up for the **free trial**. By starting a new account via the free trial, you are accepting both the Cloud Platform **Terms of Service** and the **Supplemental Terms** of the Free Trial.

2. Upgrade to a paid account and add your billing information. (See instructions **here**.) Please note that once the credit provided is fully used or expires, your account will be billed.

3. You will be directed to a page where you can create a project. Click the blue "Create Project" button. This can take a few seconds.

4. If you're a **G Suite for Education** school the Google Developer Console needs to be turned on within the console by our G Suite administrator. Otherwise, you will not be able to create projects using a school email address. Please reach out to your G Suite administrator if you are not able to create a project.

Verify that the billing account you provide is active:

1. Make sure payments are made up to date.

2. Please ensure that there is an active form of payment connected to the account.

3. If the billing account you are currently using is delinquent or in a closed state, please provide us with an alternative active Billing Account ID so that we can successfully deposit your credits.

To grow your knowledge of GCP services, take a look at the Higher Education Programs Site, or refer to the Help Center and Forum.

If you have any questions please contact our team at gcpresearchcredits@google.com.