# API Integration for Data Collection in Research Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| **Category** | Research and Data Analysis | **Duration** | 5 Days |
| **Base Fee** | $1,500 USD | **Delivery Mode** | Online / On-site Hybrid |

## Course Introduction

In an age where data-driven insights fuel policy and innovation, researching sensitive topics such as mental health, gender-based violence, human rights, or marginalized populations demands ethical sensitivity, advanced tools, and secure data pipelines. API Integration for Data Collection in Research Training Course is designed for researchers, data scientists, analysts, and NGOs seeking to collect real-time, high-quality data via APIs, while ensuring ethical standards, data privacy, and responsible digital practices.

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## Programme Curriculum

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**Course Objectives**

1. Understand the ethical implications of collecting sensitive data through digital tools.
2. Learn to design secure API integrations for data collection.
3. Explore RESTful API protocols and authentication (OAuth2, tokens).
4. Collect anonymized data while ensuring privacy compliance (GDPR, HIPAA).
5. Implement real-time data streaming in research workflows.
6. Automate data scraping from public platforms (Twitter/X, Reddit, etc.) ethically.
7. Use Python and Bash scripting for API automation in sensitive research.
8. Evaluate data storage solutions for confidential or classified research data.
9. Integrate cloud-based services (Firebase, AWS) for secure data pipelines.
10. Analyze unstructured data collected via APIs (text, images, sentiment).
11. Employ data validation and cleaning techniques post-collection.
12. Apply machine learning models for detecting patterns in sensitive datasets.
13. Develop risk assessment frameworks for API-based research projects.

**Target Audiences**

1. Academic Researchers
2. Data Scientists
3. Non-profit Organizations (NGOs)
4. Human Rights Analysts
5. Healthcare Data Analysts
6. Government Research Units
7. Development Agencies
8. Independent Policy Analysts

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**Course Modules**

**Module 1: Ethics in Researching Sensitive Topics**

- Understand ethical risks in digital data collection
- Navigating consent and anonymity online
- Legal frameworks: GDPR, HIPAA, IRBs
- Ethical use of public digital platforms
- Tools for maintaining participant confidentiality
- **Case Study**: Digital ethnography in gender-based violence research

**Module 2: Fundamentals of API Integration**

- What is an API? RESTful APIs explained
- GET, POST, PUT, DELETE: CRUD operations
- Authenticating with OAuth2 and API keys
- Using Postman for API testing
- Understanding API documentation
- **Case Study**: Integrating WHO COVID-19 API in mental health research

**Module 3: Secure Data Collection Strategies**

- Encryption techniques for sensitive data
- Managing tokens and credentials securely
- Limiting rate and scope of data extraction
- API gateway configurations for secure access
- Cloud-based storage: AWS S3, Firebase
- **Case Study**: Secure data retrieval from mHealth applications

**Module 4: Real-time and Automated Data Collection**

- Automating API calls with Python
- Using Bash scripts for cron jobs
- Streaming data from social media APIs
- Managing data inflow with queues and buffers
- Handling errors and retries in real-time systems
- **Case Study**: Real-time data collection from X (formerly Twitter) on conflict

**Module 5: Working with Unstructured Data**

- Processing JSON, XML, and text formats
- Sentiment analysis on social media posts
- Natural Language Processing for sensitive data
- Audio/image data processing using APIs
- Analyzing trends across platforms
- **Case Study**: Sentiment analysis of refugee narratives via Reddit API

**Module 6: Data Privacy and Compliance**

- GDPR and HIPAA essentials
- Conducting data protection impact assessments (DPIAs)
- Designing anonymization workflows
- Building ethical consent forms for digital data
- Monitoring data leakage or misuse
- **Case Study**: Privacy-compliant research using Google Fit API

**Module 7: Data Validation and Cleaning**

- Identifying and correcting API data errors
- Removing duplicate or corrupted entries
- Structuring raw API data for analysis
- Creating validation rules in Python
- Testing data quality with open-source tools
- **Case Study**: Cleaning OpenStreetMap API data for public health mapping

**Module 8: Advanced Analytics and Machine Learning on Sensitive Data**

- Overview of machine learning in research
- Preprocessing sensitive data for ML
- Predictive modeling for behavioral trends
- Clustering and classification of anonymized data
- Bias mitigation in AI models
- **Case Study**: Predictive analysis of suicide prevention hotline data

**Training Methodology**

- Hands-on coding labs using Python and Bash

- Real-world case studies with ethical complexity
- Guided API integration exercises using live platforms
- Peer-reviewed project assignments
- Continuous feedback and personalized support

**Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount**

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***Certification***

*Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.*

***Tailor-Made Course***

*We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.*

**Key Notes**

**a.** The participant must be conversant with English.

**b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

**c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

**d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

**e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

**f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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| Start Date | End Date | Location | Price |
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| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Online | $1,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $1,500 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $3,000 |
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