Many Internet2 member and non-member institutions take advantage of this service offering. If your institution is one of them then this wiki will provide details on how to make the most of your participation in the program by interacting with AWS staff and peers from other subscribing institutions.

This program is open to all higher education, affiliate and federal affiliate members as well as non-member higher education institutions. If you are looking details on how to join the program, please click Sign Up on the NET+ AWS webpage or email netplus@internet2.edu and ask about NET+ AWS.

AWS Direct Connect through Internet2

Learn how to reach AWS Direct Connect using Cloud Connect, leveraging Internet2 and your regional’s infrastructure to allow shared, dedicated Layer 2 and Layer 3 access with up to 5Gbps of connectivity.

NET+ AWS Program Basics

Contract and Pricing:

- For information about your NET+ AWS contract options, including detailed, email netplus@internet2.edu and ask about NET+ AWS.
- The NET+ Cloud Infrastructure Community Program opens the door to the benefits of the NET+ AWS program and is a prerequisite for subscribing to the program.

FAQs and Instructions:

- NET+ AWS Frequently Asked Questions
- NET+ AWS NIH STRIDES Initiative Frequently Asked Questions
- Requesting an NIH STRIDES account through DLT

Community Resources

Participate in the Community Conversation (Subscribers Only):

Institutions participating in the NET+ AWS program may take advantage of our community programs. Any member of a subscribing institution’s community is eligible to join. In addition to an email discussion list, we host a series of regular events for program subscribers. They include:

- Bi-weekly NET+ AWS Technology Share calls where campus cloud enablement professionals, cloud engineers, developers, and others meet to discuss their challenges, share lessons learned and collaborate to find the best answers for their institutions’ AWS deployment. AWS solutions architects and DLT support engineers regularly attend and participate.
- Quarterly NET+ AWS Town Halls welcome experts from AWS to present targeted topics to the community. Past Town Halls covered Ransomware, AWS Academy, Research Support Tools, Security Lake, Generative AI and more. We encourage subscribers to suggest topics we can work with AWS to bring to us.
- Quarterly NET+ AWS Strategy Calls are home to strategic and directional conversations. This is an opportunity to discuss the role of cloud in IT strategy with your peers. The intended audience is cloud and infrastructure leadership, but anyone working on your AWS team is welcome to attend. Once a year we invite AWS EDU leadership to join us and encourage campus infrastructure and IT leadership to come.
- Quarterly NET+ AWS Tech Jams are technical deep dives on a specific issue facing one or more institutions. We put a couple of subscriber schools in the “hot seat” to lay out their challenge and ask technical experts from AWS to talk through the problem and its solutions. The rest of us watch and learn, tossing in our own questions as well. Example topics are building compliant environments, enforcing policies for FinOps best practices, bending Control Tower to your will, etc. The December Jam is devoted to a rapid-fire recap of the announcements coming out of the annual AWS re:Invent conference that are most relevant to the NET+ subscriber community. Always a highlight of the year.

Please contact netplus@internet2.edu to be added to any of these conversations.

Join the AWS Community Forum (Open to all community members):

Users of AWS are encouraged to join the AWS Community Channel in the Educause Cloud Computing Community Group Slack. See the Higher Ed Cloud Community page for instructions to join.

Collaborate on the Cloud Wiki:

Speaking of community, did you know about the Cloud Wiki? This was created specifically for YOU, members of the higher education community to collaborate with each other. See a listing of the cloud websites and strategy statements of peer institutions. Are you drafting a new cloud position description? Log in to see a Cloud Job descriptions page and contribute your knowledge!
Contribute Code:

Looking to share your latest Terraform config? Add it to the Cloud Wiki Helpful GitHub Repos list or email bflynn@internet2.edu to request access and create a repo in the Community Cloud Config GitHub organization.

Service Evaluation Resources

A fundamental function of the NET+ program is to gather the information all institutions do for their due diligence work prior to acquiring an IT service. A group of peer institutions gather for a service evaluation and pilot program. Below are some of the assets gathered for the NET+ AWS Service Evaluation.

Accessibility:

- Voluntary Product Accessibility Template® (VPAT)

Identity:

- NET+ AWS Portal Identity Guidance - For end user self service AWS account requests
- InCommon-enabled Group to role mapping for AWS Accounts

Information Security:

- Cloud Controls Matrix - please email Internet2NetPlus@dlt.com
- Higher Education Cloud Vendor Assessment Tool (HECVAT) - contact your AWS account manager. If you don't know who that is, reach out to NET+ AWS Program Manager, Bob Flynn (bflynn@internet2.edu) and he will connect you.

Key Program Updates

Subscribers may review our mailing list archives for monthly program and AWS updates.

NET+ AWS Quarterly Town Hall - Transform Genomic and Biological Data Into insights with AWS Omics is now available

Sean O'Brien (internet2.edu) posted on Feb 15, 2023

Lee Pang, Principal Solutions Architect, Health AI at AWS presented at our quarterly NET+ AWS Town Hall on AWS Omics. NET+ AWS Town Halls are typically a subscriber benefit, but periodically we open the Town Halls up to share interesting topics.

Amazon Omics helps healthcare and life science organizations and their software partners store, query, and analyze genomic, transcriptomic, and other omics data and then generate insights from that data to improve health and advance scientific discoveries.

In this session, you can learn how Amazon Omics provides scalable workflows and integrated tools for preparing and analyzing omics data and automatically provisions and scales the underlying infrastructure so that you can spend more time on research and innovation. Amazon Omics supports large-scale analysis and collaborative research.

This session is for research decision-makers, researchers, and RCD team members who want to learn how Amazon Omics can accelerate research, support large-scale analysis, and generate insights to improve health and advance scientific discoveries.

The slides and recording are available below.

Slides: Transform Genomic and Biological Data Into insights with AWS Omics

Recording:
**Bring your game to GameDay at Community Exchange and the Cloud Forum**

Bob Flynn posted on Jan 25, 2023

If you’re up for an engrossing, wild ride that’s crazy fun, then you’re ready for AWS GameDay.

Internet2 NET+, together with AWS, DLT, and Cloud Academy, are bringing AWS GameDay to the 2023 Community Exchange and Cloud Forum in Atlanta, GA.

What is **AWS GameDay**?

A “collaborative learning exercise that tests skills in implementing AWS solutions to solve real-world problems in a gamified, risk-free environment.”

How do you play?

- Recruit your own team (preferred) or show up and join one onsite.
- Compete against the game and against other teams for glory and prizes.
- Walk away with sharper AWS skills and a story to tell.

**Highlights:**

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**The Game**

We are running the Infinidash Ride-Hailing GameDay:

The Infinidash Ride-Hailing GameDay requires participants to make technical and (light) business decisions to win. This means while teams need technical skills to complete, fix and improve Infinidash’s infrastructure, some business acumen will come in handy to decide on how to set up and assign their unicorn fleet.

Teams of 3-4 will run an imaginary company that rents mythical creatures. Your task will be to manage the company’s infrastructure as the market reacts to your exciting new business.

**The Players**

Bring your whole team, or a partial team, or come prepared to join a team at the event. Registration information is below.
### What's Included
- Breakfast and lunch, as well as beverages and snacks throughout the day, will be served close at hand so that you can keep an eye on your virtual company at all times.
- AWS Solutions Architects will be onsite to facilitate the game and cheer you on.
- A month of access to the Cloud Academy training library with a learning path specifically crafted to help participants shore up skills you'll be using to run your company's AWS infrastructure on the day of the event. In the month prior to the GameDay event, we will hold kick-off sessions to walk you through the materials. The event will be recorded for those who are unable to attend live.
- AWS swag and prizes

### Skills Used
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### GameDay Registration & Preparation:

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Register for GameDay through the Community Exchange Registration or the Cloud Forum Registration.

All registrants will receive two email messages from the Internet2 registration system.

1. The first will be a receipt for your event registration.
2. The second will be a request to confirm your registration via our identity and access management system.

Once we have confirmed your registration, we will send you to a form where you can enter your team roster.

You will indicate whether you have a full or partial team or if you will be looking to pick up with a team on-site.

You will receive an email invitation from Cloud Academy to set up an account to access GameDay preparation materials.

Cloud Academy orientation sessions will take place on Thursday, April 6 at 2pm EDT. This will be recorded for those who cannot attend during the times provided.

### Questions or Concerns:
Please contact Bob Flynn, Internet2 Program Manager, Cloud Infrastructure & Platform Services, at bflyn
n@internet2.edu.

### GameDay Sponsors:
Internet2 and the higher education cloud community are grateful to our sponsors AWS, TD Synnex Public Sector/DLT, and Cloud Academy for their generous support of this event.