

## **Prerequisites for getting access to IBM Cloud-**

**Please use one of the two options listed under 1(A) or 1(B) to get access to IBM Cloud for free.**

**1(A). For Students/faculty having institutional email id**(college provided email ids)-

i. Please browse to <https://www.ibm.biz/academic> and Register with your institutional email id(college provided email address).

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ii. After registering on AI portal, please go to <https://cloud.ibm.com/login> and register using the same institutional email id to access IBM Cloud and services for free. There are no charges to use Lite plan of IBM Cloud services forever.

**1(B). For students/faculty NOT having institutional email id-**

i. Please browse to IBM Cloud, <https://cloud.ibm.com/login> and Register with your email address (any gmail/hotmail etc) and complete the registration process. Once registered, there are no charges to use Lite plan of IBM Cloud services forever.