# Getting into Outlier, Mercor and micro1

Facts checked on 2026-11-18. Platforms change their steps; confirm on the official site before you start.

## Outlier · outlier.ai

### Who runs it

? Run by Scale AI: the site footer says it is "powered by Scale AI". (Source: outlier.ai)

### How you get in

? Steps: create a profile, import and review your skills, verify your identity, verify your skills, start working. (Source: outlier.ai)
? Onboarding takes about 30–90 minutes, then each project has its own onboarding. (Source: outlier.ai)
? Qualification includes assessment tasks. (Source: Outlier FAQ)

### What you need

? A valid ID, a mobile phone from your country of residence, a resume and a LinkedIn profile. (Source: outlier.ai)
? At least an associate degree for general screening; some projects ask for a bachelor's, master's or PhD. (Source: Outlier FAQ)
? A work-permitting visa where relevant: Outlier does not sponsor visas. (Source: Outlier FAQ)

### How you get paid

? Paid weekly on Tuesdays, for work from the previous Tuesday to Monday at midnight UTC. (Source: Outlier FAQ)
? By PayPal, Airtm or ACH bank transfer (some projects list only some of these). (Source: Outlier FAQ)
? Independent contractors, not employees; no minimum hours; you can decline projects. You see the rate before you start. (Source: Outlier FAQ)

### Not stated in the sources

? Whether assessments are paid.
? The full list of eligible countries.

## Mercor · work.mercor.com

### Who runs it

? A marketplace at work.mercor.com that connects subject-matter experts with AI labs for training and evaluation projects. (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)

### How you get in

? Create a profile and upload a resume (reused across listings). (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)
? An interview about your field (not about AI), then a work-authorization and location check; some listings exclude countries or US visa types. (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)
? Matching to a project is not guaranteed; some people wait days, others weeks. (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)
? No fee to apply on the listings SOJI publishes. (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)

### What you need

? Your resume and the checks each listing names (field, location, work authorization). (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)

### How you get paid

? Listings often say weekly payments via Stripe or Wise; pay is hourly or per task, so check the unit. (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)
? Independent-contractor work: you handle your own taxes. (Source: SOJI: Is Mercor legit?)

### Not stated in the sources

? An identity-document check (not described in the sources).

## micro1 · jobs.micro1.ai

### Who runs it

? Matches skilled professionals with AI labs and companies for training, evaluation and data-collection work; listings at jobs.micro1.ai. (Source: SOJI: Is micro1 legit?)

### How you get in

? No fee to apply on the listings reviewed. (Source: SOJI: Is micro1 legit?)
? Each listing names its field, task type, pay unit and any location or work-authorization limits. (Source: SOJI: Is micro1 legit?)

### What you need

? Data-collection tasks (voice, video, selfies): check what is recorded, who can access it and what it is used for before you accept. (Source: SOJI: Is micro1 legit?)

### How you get paid

? Hourly or per task, depending on the listing. (Source: SOJI: Is micro1 legit?)
? Independent work: contractor status and taxes are your responsibility. (Source: SOJI: Is micro1 legit?)

### Not stated in the sources

? Payment method and how often payments are made.
? The interview and assessment steps.

## On any platform

? Type the official address yourself; do not follow links in unsolicited messages.
? Never pay to get work, training or equipment, and never share bank logins, card numbers or one-time codes.
? Recruiters on Telegram, WhatsApp or a free e-mail address claiming to hire for a platform are a warning sign.
? Keep a copy of the listing, the terms you accepted and the messages.
? Payment details always in your own name.

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