Google Summer of Code

Start Your Open Source Journey: Google Summer of Code 2026!

For 22 years Google Summer of Code (GSoC), a global, online program, has focused on bringing over 23K new developers from 123 countries into open source software development. GSoC is a fantastic opportunity to gain real-world experience, become part of a lively community, contribute to impactful projects, and build your technical resume.

Program Goals

- Inspire new developers to start their journey in open source.
- Bring new, excited developers into open source communities long-term.
- Help early career professionals build valuable, real-world skills.
- Provide exposure to professional development scenarios (e.g., testing, version control, software licensing, large codebases).

The GSoC program is open to:

- *Applicants must be 18 years or older.*
- Students <u>or</u> beginners to open source (less than 2 years of experience in OSS)

Your GSoC Journey:

1. Remote & Flexible: The program is entirely remote.
2. Duration: Contributors spend 12+ weeks coding on their chosen project.
3. Mentorship: Volunteer mentors guide you on best practices, community norms, and project-specific tools, helping you integrate into the community.
4. Stipend: Earn a stipend upon successful completion of project milestones.

By the end of their GSoC program, contributors receive an invaluable learning experience, an introduction to the global OSS community and something that potential employers love to see on resumes!

Mentor organizations will gain new contributions & contributors along with a higher visibility for their open source project.

Mentor organization applications are open January 19 - February 3, 2026.
GSoC contributor applications are open March 16 - March 31, 2026.

Visit the GSoC Website for the full timeline and resources!
https://g.co/gsoc