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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Lambda School, and congratulations on taking the first step toward a high-paying career in tech.

The most important thing we tell new Lambda School students is: commit now to hustling harder than you ever have before.

You have a critical opportunity to develop your skills between now and graduation, and there's a good chance that the next several months will swing the trajectory of your career more than any others. Your time at Lambda School will be some of the most intense, impactful months of your life – now is the time to put your head down and work, and every instructor, career coach, and staff member will do everything possible to help you succeed. We're so excited that you're here.

Let's get started.

Sincerely,

Austen Allred,
Co-Founder & CEO

MISSION

The mission of Lambda School is to unlock potential, regardless of circumstance. That means working with untapped or underutilized talent, and training that talent for in-demand careers in the technology fields including web development, engineering, and data science.

Lambda School is committed to making the field of technology more accessible, and will provide an educational environment that respects the values of individual students and their intellectual, cultural, and social development. It is Lambda School's intention to:

- Foster among students, faculty, and staff a commitment to life-long learning.
- Provide opportunities for students to exercise a positive influence and be productive in society.
- Prepare students for entry-level employment in technology fields including web development, software engineering and data science.

OBJECTIVES

In order to fulfill its mission, Lambda is committed to the following objectives for its educational and training programs:

- To provide the basic and prerequisite knowledge to specialize in the field of technology.
- To educate students to become well-qualified professionals in their chosen field.
- To provide practical training to enhance students' capabilities in their chosen field.

HISTORY

Founded in 2017, Lambda School ("Lambda") is a unique model of higher education in which the school invests in its students, instead of the other way around. Lambda requires no upfront tuition. Tuition payments do not begin until students find a job providing an annual salary of at least \$50,000. This commitment from Lambda School supports its mission of finding untapped or underutilized talent and training that talent for in-demand jobs in technology. The school has offices in Lehi, UT and San Francisco, CA, and students attend remotely. The school has raised funds previously from investors including Y Combinator, GV, Bedrock Capital, and Tandem.

FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT

Lambda offers training online in a live virtual classroom. Students complete distance education coursework at a location they determine.

System Requirements

- Minimum
 - 1.6 GHz Processor
 - 4 GB RAM
 - 120 GB Hard Drive
 - Web Cam
 - Microphone
 - Consistent access to internet, e.g., Wi-Fi
- Recommended
 - 2 GHz Processor
 - 16 GB RAM
 - 256 GB Hard Drive (preferably solid state)

Recommended operating systems (in descending order): macOS, Windows 10, Ubuntu.

Other versions of Windows work but students should anticipate occasional environment issues. Chromebooks are *not* supported, as coursework involves installing and running software locally.

Please refer to the current [Student Guide](#) for full details on system requirements.

TUITION AND FEES

Program	Registration Fee Non-Refundable	Tuition	**Total Cost
Full Stack Web Development	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Data Science	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000

**Cost of total charges for a period of attendance and estimated schedule of total charges for the entire educational program.

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

You have options for how you pay for your Lambda School program:

- A Lambda School Income Share Agreement (ISA):
 - Tuition is your ISA's cap (i.e., the maximum amount you may owe under the ISA).
 - Prior to signing an ISA, you will be provided detailed disclosures and additional information about payment, deferrals, and other important items. Visit our [ISA Frequently Asked Questions](#) anytime for more information.
- Pay tuition in one sum:
 - You owe the full tuition amount after you sign the Enrollment Agreement and before your first day of instruction.

- 3 Part Installment Plan:
 - You owe the first installment of \$10,000 after you sign the Enrollment Agreement, the second installment of \$10,000 is due by the first day of sprint 7, and the third installment of \$10,000 is due by the first day of sprint 13.

TUITION RESPONSIBILITY

Students are responsible for paying the full tuition amount listed above. If a student obtains a loan, financing, and/or other payment arrangement including an income share agreement (ISA), that student is responsible for repaying the amount owed under agreement, or loan amount plus any interest or the amount owed, including under my ISA, as applicable, in each case less the amount of any applicable refund if that student withdraws or is withdrawn. Once a student enrolls, the tuition amount will not and cannot be changed based on any factor other than Sprints ended as noted in this Catalog.

Tuition installment payments are due before the start of the first day of each respective Sprint. Failure to make required tuition payments, on any plan, may result in academic suspension and/or withdrawal.

HOLIDAYS

Lambda observes the following holidays and week-long breaks, as applicable:

Monday Holidays (US only)

- MLK, Jr. – third Monday of January
- Memorial Day – last Monday of May
- Labor Day – first Monday in September

Week long breaks

- Summer Break/Hackathon – 1st week of July
- Thanksgiving Week Break – last week of Nov (4th Thursday)
- Winter Break/Hackathon – Two weeks (dates announced)

ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Enrollment periods begin three months prior to the first day of classes for each program term and end one week prior to the first day of classes.

PROGRAM TERM DATES FOR 2021 / 2022

Start Date	Full-time Anticipated Completion Date	Part-time Anticipated Completion Date
1/11/2021	6/25/2021	12/27/2021
2/8/2021	7/30/2021	1/31/2021

3/8/2021	8/27/2021	2/28/2022
4/5/2021	9/24/2021	3/28/2022
5/3/2021	10/22/2021	4/25/2022
6/1/2021	11/19/2021	5/23/2022
7/5/2021	12/24/2021	6/20/2022
8/2/2021	1/28/2022	7/25/2022
8/30/2021	8/22/2022	2/25/2022
9/27/2021	3/25/2022	9/19/2022
10/25/2021	4/22/2022	10/17/2022
11/29/2021	5/20/2022	11/14/2022

FLEX POLICY

Lambda School's Flex program allows students to repeat content that they have not yet mastered at no additional cost. Learning at Lambda School follows a mastery-based progression model, and students may need to repeat portions of class to ensure students have the skills to succeed in their program and new field. That may mean extending the length of their program. If certain assessments are not passed, the student may flex to repeat a portion of the program that covers the objectives they did not achieve. Students that are not demonstrating adequate effort or progress may be withdrawn from the program. Please see the full Flex Policy in the Student Guide.

CLASSROOM DAYS / HOURS

Lambda School provides distance education courses/programs in real-time where the distance education coursework is completed at a location determined by the student.

Full-Time schedule: 8:00am to 5:00pm (Pacific) Monday through Friday.

Part-Time schedule: Monday through Thursday (cohorts alternate between 4:00pm – 7:00pm and 6:00pm – 9:00pm Pacific) Students on the part-time schedule will choose a “fifth day” based on options provided.

European Union (EU)-based classes 8:00am to 5:00pm GMT +1.

The full-time schedule for EU and US classes includes an hour for lunch break at 11:00am.

ADMINISTRATION DAYS / HOURS

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm (Pacific).

COURSE TIME HOURS

Academic credit is measured in clock hours. A clock hour is defined as a 60-minute period of time with no less than 50 minutes of coursework.

ADMISSIONS

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply and enroll at Lambda School, prospective student must:

- Be 18 years of age or older prior to the expected start date;
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent or pass the approved Ability to Benefit exam
- Complete the admissions application and supplemental items
- Provide documentation of a minimum score of 80 on the TOEFL iBT examination if the student is not proficient in English.

PROCEDURE

Prospective students are invited and encouraged to explore the website to learn more about Lambda School courses and admissions: [Admissions & Criteria](#). To apply:

- Submit an online application at <https://lambdaschool.com/go>
- Review the course catalog
- Complete assigned supplemental items in the Admissions dashboard
 - Submit proof of Education or take the Ability to be Benefit Test
 - Complete the CCAT for Web Development Applicants
 - Completed the CCAT for Data Science Applicants

Prospective students will be notified by email and their admissions dashboard of the decision to accept or deny admission the admissions procedure has been completed.

ENROLLMENT PROCESSES

- Start of school is conditional upon the admitted applicant completing all post-enrollment checklist items by assigned deadlines
- Applicants may need to confirm with an Enrollment Advisor prior to starting school
- Complete all pre-course work/tests/self-assessment and enrollment paperwork by 5:00pm pst 12 days prior to class start date;
- Attend “Lambda Launch,” our mandatory student orientation, and
- Be provided with the School Course Catalog.
- Provisional acceptance is granted to every accepted applicant who must attend “Lambda Launch,” our mandatory student orientation before the first day of scheduled class to be determined full acceptance.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES

Lambda School does not offer visa services to prospective students from other countries or English language services. Lambda School does not offer English as a

Second Language instruction. All instruction occurs in English. English language proficiency is documented by:

1. the admissions interview; and
2. Lambda School's receipt of prior education documentation as stated in the admissions policy.

FOREIGN TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION

All foreign transcripts and degrees must be evaluated and translated to meet U.S. equivalency.

The following is a sample of foreign transcript and degree evaluators. Lambda School does not endorse any evaluators.

- Foreign Consultants: <http://www.foreignconsultants.com/>
- Educational Credential Evaluators: <http://www.ece.org/>
- Educational Perspectives: <http://www.educational-perspectives.org/>
- International Consultants of Delaware: <http://www.icdel.com/>
- International Research Foundation, Inc.: <http://www.ierf.org/>
- World Education Services: <http://www.wes.org/>

While Lambda does accept students from all around the world, the following factors must be carefully considered if you are not a US citizen:

- Income Share Agreements are available to people who live in the US who are US Citizens, US Permanent Residents, DACA recipients, and European Union Citizens living within the European Union. Other people can still attend Lambda by paying the tuition upfront or arranging separate payment plan(s).
- Almost all courses are taught on Pacific Time so it is important to think about how you will adjust according to your time zone.

NOTICE CONCERNING NON-ACCREDITATION, CREDIT NON TRANSFERABILITY, AND TAX

As a non-accredited institution, Lambda School does not accept transferred-in credits or provide credits transferable to other institutions. Lambda School does not issue 1098-T or other tax forms for payments of upfront tuition or on your ISA.

REFUND POLICY

THE STUDENT'S RIGHT TO CANCEL

We are aligned for your success and support you every step, but we understand in some cases you may not be able to continue or want to withdraw from Lambda School.

You may withdraw from a program without owing any tuition or penalty before the last class of Sprint 5. If you withdraw or are withdrawn between the end of Sprint 5 and the end of Sprint 16, you will be responsible for a pro-rata portion of your tuition