

## GSoc 2019: Important Notes for your GSoC Summer!

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### Google Summer of Code

Hi Zhijun Chen,

Welcome to Google Summer of Code 2019! We look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish this summer during the program - welcome to the GSoC community!

**Please read this entire email.** It contains very important information regarding your participation in GSoC 2019. Throughout the program, you will receive more emails from Google from this email address - please be sure to read them carefully. You are responsible for meeting all required deadlines and these emails will remind you of deadlines as well as give you important details throughout the program to help you have a successful GSoC.

#### What do I do now?

1. Read the [Accepted Students Information](#) page - VERY IMPORTANT!
2. Be sure to read the [GSoC roles and responsibilities](#) page so you know what is expected of you but also what to expect from your Mentor this summer.
3. Talk to your mentor and community!
4. Set up your Payoneer account using the special link sent in the personalized email sent in the last 24 hours (the email with your acceptance letter attached).
5. In case you haven't seen the short YouTube video we created "[Congrats! You're a GSoC student](#)" check it out for some helpful tips for the summer (it's less than 3 minutes).

#### Letter of Acceptance

You should have received a GSoC 2019 Letter of Acceptance earlier today attached to the personalized email with your Payoneer activation link. We are unable to offer any alterations of these acceptance letters.

#### Withdrawing from GSoC 2019

If you need to withdraw from GSoC 2019 now or at any point during the program, please be sure to contact your mentor immediately so they know that you are withdrawing. Then withdraw yourself from the GSoC program by hitting the "withdraw" button on your dashboard. Once this button is pushed you can not get back into the GSoC 2019 program.

## Receiving your GSoC Stipends

You should have received an email from us earlier today with the link you must use to create your Payoneer account. You **MUST** use the specific link that we sent you as it is unique to you and has instructions on how to register for your Payoneer account. For more information on your stipend, please visit the [Student Stipends](#) page.

## Payoneer

- Many non-US based students ask us if it is better to receive funds in your local currency or in USD. Our experience is that your local currency is preferable because Payoneer's exchange fees are often better than what your local bank may charge. Google covers a majority of the other fees around your cards or bank transfers, but does not cover currency exchange fees. Every bank is different, which makes it difficult for Google or Payoneer to provide a specific estimate of which method is better.
- After you submit your Payoneer registration it will usually take 1-4 business days to receive an approval email from Payoneer saying "Congratulations - your Payoneer account application has been approved!" If you are subject to US taxes (ie. a US citizen or studying in the US), you will receive a request to fill out tax forms around June 3rd after you have completed your Payoneer registration.
- Remember to read the [GSoC Payoneer page](#).

**If you have questions about your Payoneer account you should reach out to Payoneer directly using their [website](#) or by phone.** If you are calling from within the United States, dial 1-800-251-2521. If you are calling from outside the United States, dial 1-646-658-3695.

Payoneer will respond to your inquiries within a couple of business days (usually earlier). Please be patient.

## Not Planning to Accept any Stipends?

We realize for some students the stipend is something they can not accept due to their visa status, etc. That is okay, but please do the following two things so we know you do not wish to accept any funds.

1. Simply don't register for a Payoneer account (no account=no stipend)
2. Email us at [gsoc-support@google.com](mailto:gsoc-support@google.com) so we will stop reminding you to register for a Payoneer account.

## Important dates

**May 6 - 27:** Community Bonding Period

**May 27:** Coding begins

**June 20:** Deadline to set up your Payoneer account

**June 24-28:** First evaluation period - students submit evaluations of mentors

**June 30:** Students who pass first evaluation receive first payment (30%)  
**July 22 - 26:** Second evaluation period - students submit evaluations of mentors  
**July 29:** Students who pass second evaluation receive second payment (30%)  
**August 19 - 26:** Students submit their code, write tests and documentation, and submit a final evaluation of their Mentor  
**August 26 - September 2:** Mentors submit final evaluations of students  
**September 3:** Students passing GSoC 2019 are announced  
**September 5 - 15:** Students will submit shipping details directly with fulfillment company to receive their tshirts  
**September 5:** Students who pass receive their final payment  
**Mid-Late October:** Packages with t-shirts are shipped to students who pass the program

## GSoC Student Mailing lists

We have added everyone who opted in to the GSoC Student List. Please remember that this list is for past and present students only. There are many thousands of people on the list (from this year and previous years) so please use it for questions you feel may be helpful to all students - not questions that are specific to you (updating your Payoneer account, questions about your stipend, shipping, etc).

Please do not introduce yourself on the main GSoC Student List, we will moderate those messages and not post them.

## Email Archive

We have created an archive where all [GSoC 2019 Student Emails](#) will be saved so you can go back and reference the emails sent to you this summer in case you accidentally delete one.

Need to contact Google Administrators? Please contact us at [gsoc-support@google.com](mailto:gsoc-support@google.com).

Best,  
GSoC team

This email was sent to [frankcookie233@gmail.com](mailto:frankcookie233@gmail.com).

You are receiving this email because of your participation in Google Summer of Code 2019.

<https://summerofcode.withgoogle.com>

To leave the program and stop receiving all emails, you can go to your [profile](#) and request deletion of your program profile.

For any questions, please contact [gsoc-support@google.com](mailto:gsoc-support@google.com). Replies to this message go to an unmonitored mailbox.

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