

OPEN *Summer* OF CODE --- 2016

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So, what's open Summer of code?

[Open Summer of code](#) is an intense **4 week programme** during **July**, giving young potentials students with development, communication, design and business skills a summer job with a **real challenge**.

Their mission? Transforming open innovation projects into powerful real-world services for real organisations and companies. The #oSoc16-team provides the students with **training, network and necessary support**.

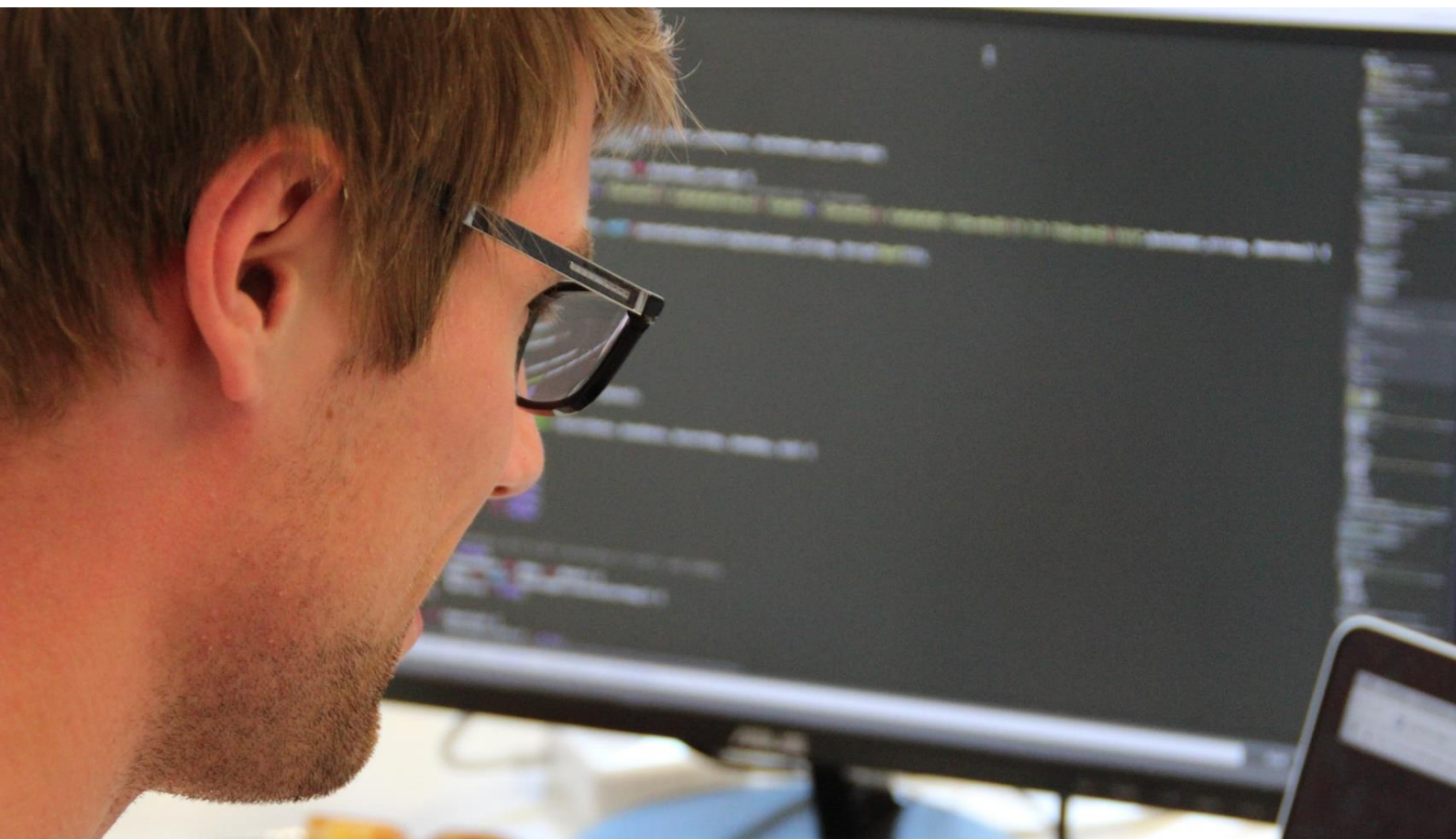
From building a realtime and static GTFS feed for public transport solutions to creating a recommendation app for kids in the library, we encourage a setting in which policy makers, companies and civic technologists intersect, collaborate and start **prototyping the future**.

In **2015**, #oSoc15 employed **23 students** over [6 projects](#) for partners such as the City of Ghent, Leiedal, Multimedia Lab, Be-Mobile, Digipolis Gent and Bibnet.

It's a triple win!

The open Summer of code concept is **a triple win**. Let us explain this to you:

1. We provide your company, organisation or government a way to inject **external innovation** into your digital environment, with a **product, feature or dataset you need**.
2. Thanks to you, **gifted students** work on projects that focus on what they love *and* take it to the next level, because of the **fast-paced training**.
3. We teach a new generation the importance of **open data use and open source coding** in a sustainable way and use that knowledge to co-create with innovative businesses.





Who's organising this?

We do! And by we, we mean [Open Knowledge Belgium](#). We're a **not-for-profit organisation** and an official chapter of the international Open Knowledge Foundation. We act as an umbrella organisation for numerous **open knowledge efforts in Belgium**. Our team consist of mainly volunteers who are passionate about openness. Using advocacy, research, technology and projects, we unlock information and enable people to **use and share knowledge**.

Should I apply for a partnership?

Open Summer of code is open to various organisations in need of a **digital solution**. Whether you're a government requiring a new digital service, a non-profit looking for a new digital application or a company searching for a new feature, everyone can benefit from #oSoc16. Tell us what you're looking for, and we'll make sure to choose the **right team of students** to help you with your project in an open and sustainable way.

Or are you searching for some top notch business, design or IT-students **to recruit**? Here's your chance to **test out the waters** and see how they perform in this 4 week programme. After that, you can decide to make the final call.



Costs

Depending on your needs and requested deliverables, we offer you the opportunity to hire **teams of 2 to 6** (or more) students. Each student costs **€ 3.000** (excl. VAT). Smaller teams have full-time tech students and part-time UX, business and communication students. The more students you employ, the bigger your challenge can be and the higher the level completion.*

Types of packages

Mini team € 6.000	Normal team € 9.000	Large team € 12.000	Custom team
A team of 2 students. One full-time developer and one open spot for front end, designers / UX / Communication / Business	A team of 3 students. One frontend and one backend developer, plus an open spot for designers / UX / Communication / Business	A team of 4 students. A fulltime frontend developer, backend developer and designer + open spot for UX, Business Development and Communication	For bigger students teams, we match the number of students based on the deliverables required by the partner
Type of project: Small development projects or redesigns of current applications	Type of project: A new proof of concept developed by the students	Type of project: A fully designed (web) application or a rough native application	Type of project: Deliverables fully customisable according to your needs

*Do take note that, although we create the best possible environment to work in for these students, we can never assure perfect completion of a project.

FAQ

Why is the cost per student € 3.000?

We want to be transparent about why this number is considerably higher than what the student will eventually earn. Although this is a break-even event, there are a lot of other costs we have to take into account to make open Summer of code a reality.

A small breakdown:

49% - Salary of the student

5% - Travel costs of the student

24% - Freelancers fee

12% - Organisational costs

10% - Other costs

Why wouldn't I just hire my own student team in-house?

With open Summer of code, you can focus on what's really important: Co-creating a digital solution for the challenges your organisation faces. We take care of recruitment, payment administration and training, so you and the students can focus on the output. However, if you need students to just execute a number of pre-defined tasks, then hiring in-house might be a better idea.

Can we meet with our student team during open Summer of code?

Of course! You can visit our location or your students can visit your office for a meeting. There are also a lot of key moment during the programme where we actively invite partners to visit the students for feedback and iteration.

How do we proceed if we want to hire a team?

Starting from an idea: If you have a concrete project in mind, we'll need to know how many students it'll take to complete it. That's why we propose a short assessment meeting where we translate your desires to concrete deliverables, which we'll run through our freelancers. They're able to estimate the amount of work and required students to complete all deliverables.

Starting from a budget: If you have a fixed budget and a broad idea for a project, we can translate that to defined deliverables and assess what level of completion you can expect.

Starting with an idea and a budget: This makes life easy for us! However, we'll still assess whether the students are capable of finishing this challenge by creating a number of tangible deliverables.

How do the fixed and open spots work?

Well, open Summer of code does focus on coding, but we want to offer you more than just some lines of code. To do so, we hire a few students who are experienced in UX, communication, design, hosting and business development.

They're able to jump from one project to another. That way, you can benefit from having business development and design help when needed, without having to hire a student full-time. Big projects in need of a lot of designing or business development however, can choose to have a fulltime student with skills mentioned above.

The student developers are reasonably fixed on one project. They work on the same project throughout #oSoc16. We do encourage that students switch from time to time, when a team needs certain skills or knowledge another student has. This can happen when another student knows more about a certain language, framework or approach.

Interested in partnering up for this event? Here's a list of the partners who have worked with us on previous editions!



Want to partner up for #oSoc16? Having a few questions? Don't hesitate to mail or call me!

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