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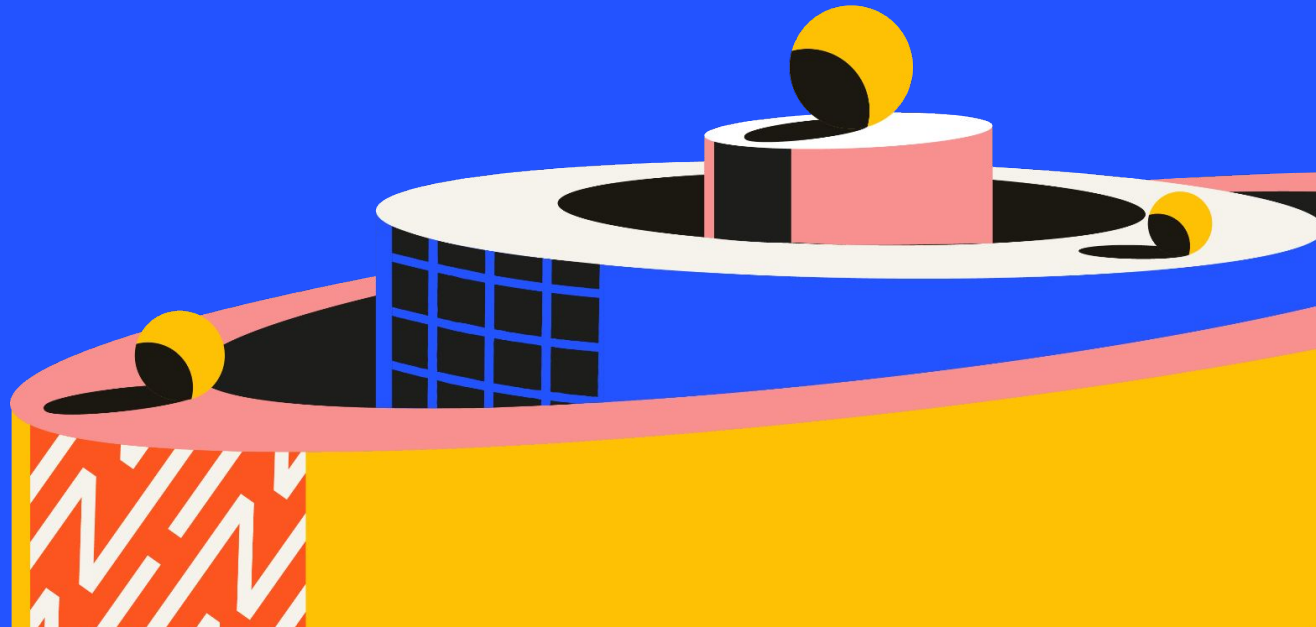
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Overview

Why This Session Matters

You're joining us at an exciting time! We're documenting every pathway into Cardano open source - for developers AND non-developers - so that anyone with an idea, skill, or passion can contribute and thrive

Today's Goals:

- Show opportunities available
- Help you understand how to get started
- Answer your questions and gather feedback

Maintainer Retainer Program For Projects

- Submit mature projects to connect with experienced community maintainers
- Gain adoption
- Grow your community

Learn more:
https://committees.docs.intersectmbo.org/intersect-open-source-committee/about/paid-open-source-model-posm/maintainer-retainer

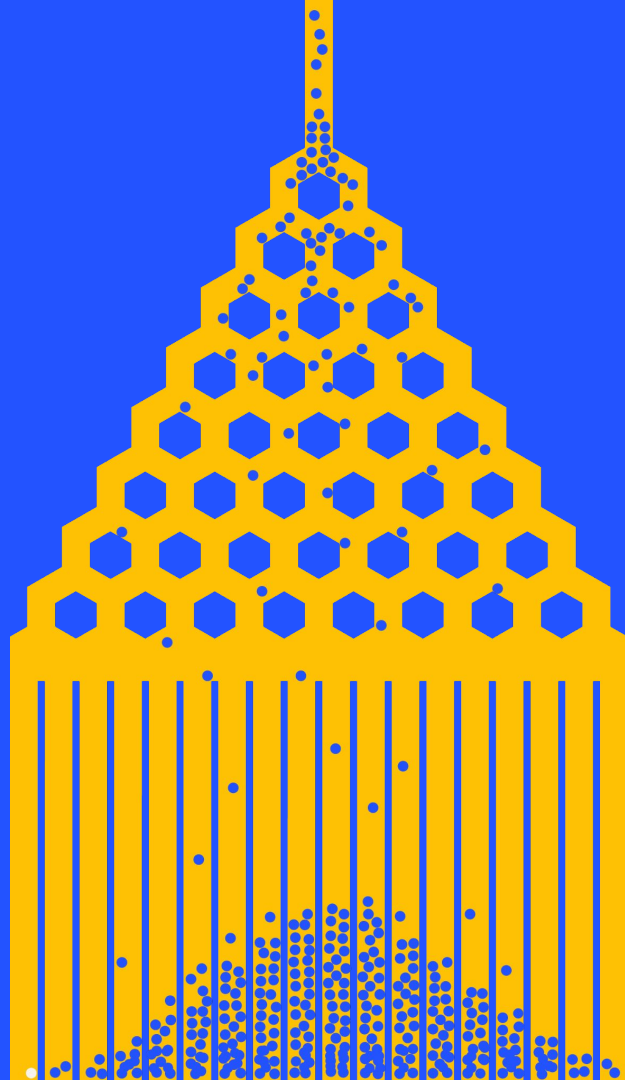**Apply:** https://tinyurl.com/MRP-Projects

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Maintainer Retainer Program For Developers

This Program provides recurring funding to experienced contributors responsible for maintaining critical Cardano open-source repositories, ensuring projects remain secure, regularly updated, and actively developed.

Learn more:
https://committees.docs.intersectmbo.org/intersect-open-source-committee/about/paid-open-source-model-posm/maintainer-retainer

Apply: https://tinyurl.com/MRP-Maintainer

Tooling Sustainability Program

The Tooling Sustainability Program is designed to fund and support critical open-source tools that:

- Improve developer experience (e.g., better workflows, faster onboarding, simplified tooling).
- Enhance interoperability between projects and across ecosystems.
- Strengthen day-to-day productivity for developers and operators.
- Reduce technical debt across the ecosystem by ensuring tools remain modern, tested, and documented.

Learn more:
https://committees.docs.intersectmbo.org/intersect-open-source-committee/about/paid-open-source-model-posm/tooling-sustainability

Apply: https://tinyurl.com/OSC-Tooling

Project Support Services

Project support services are meant to nurture Cardano projects—supporting incubating and sandbox efforts as they grow into mature, sustainable initiatives.

Learn more:
https://committees.docs.intersectmbo.org/intersect-open-source-committee/about/paid-open-source-model-posm/project-support-services

Apply: https://forms.clickup.com/9015279944/f/8cnmga8-13635/JABH2WVEOIS8Q4UAGU

Bug Bounty Program

The Bug Bounty Program is designed to enhance the security of the ecosystem by incentivizing ethical hackers and security researchers to identify and responsibly disclose vulnerabilities.

Key considerations:
- Payments range from **$20,000** to **$1,000** based on severity (Critical, High, Medium, Low).
- Clear reporting process.
- Responsible disclosure policy
- Rapid response timelines
- Transparent reward distribution
- Continuous improvement

To Learn more:
https://committees.docs.intersectmbo.org/intersect-open-source-committee/about/paid-open-source-model-posm/bug-bounty-program

Project Incubation Program

The Incubation Process is how Intersect supports open-source projects in the Cardano ecosystem. It provides a structured path for ideas to grow into sustainable, community-led initiatives.

Learn more:
https://committees.docs.intersectmbo.org/intersect-open-source-committee/policies/project-incubation-process
Apply: https://tinyurl.com/OSO-Incubation

Project Catalyst Fund

What is Project Catalyst?

A community-driven treasury system where ADA holders vote on proposals. If your project gets funded, you receive milestone-based payments to build it.

Funding Amounts: From **$15k** to **$200k+** depending on project scope and category

How It Works:

1. Submit your project proposal during an active funding round
2. Community reviews your proposal and provides feedback
3. ADA holders vote on which projects should be funded
4. Get funded with milestone-based payments
5. Build and deliver your project with community transparency

Learn More: projectcatalyst.io

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Future Opportunities

- [Cardano Summer of Code](#)
- [Accelerator Program](#)
- [Code For Us](#)

To learn more about the different paid open source programs we run at Intersect open source office, visit our [docs](#).

Help Shape The Future With Us

Here are some career opportunities that are currently open here at IntersectMBO:

- Security Incident Officer
- Executive Director

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Join Intersect as a Member

https://www.intersectmbo.org/membership

To learn more about developer experience at Intersect, visit our devex website

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