Getting Involved Guide

For Current and Future Members

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LF AI & DATA

Thank you!

Thank you for joining the LF AI & Data Foundation. Your support is vitally important in sustaining the health and innovative momentum of open source AI and Data and the LF AI & Data projects.

We've written this guide to provide you a complete reference to the LF AI & Data community. You will learn how to engage with your communities of interest, all the different ways you can contribute, and how to get help when you need it. If you have suggestions for enhancing this guide, please get in touch with LF AI & Data staff.

We are creating a sustainable open source AI and Data ecosystem that makes it easier to create AI and Data products and services.

Our mission is to build and support an open AI community, and drive open source innovation in the AI, ML and DL domains by enabling collaboration and the creation of new opportunities for all the members of the community

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Organizational Overview

Governance

LF AI & Data is a single funding effort to support technical projects hosted under the Foundation.

Technical projects have their own technical governance following our principle of separation of technical governance from funding governance.

The Foundation's Charter is available from
https://lfaidata.foundation

Structure

Funding Governance

Technical Coordination

Hosted Projects

Governing Board

Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

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Committees

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Governing Board

› Composition:

  › Appointees of Premier Members

  › Representative of General Members (elected annually)

  › TAC Chair (elected annually)

› Responsibilities include:

  › Strategic direction and evolution of the LF AI & Data Foundation

  › Funding the Foundation

  › Approving Graduate projects

› Meets monthly over a conference call

Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

› Membership on the TAC is made up of Premier Member appointees and a representative of "Graduate" projects

› The TAC serves a coordination role:

  › Facilitates communication across and among the supported technical projects

  › Communicates needs and requirements of the projects to the Governing Board

  › Onboards new projects, assists in the progression of existing projects, and reviews projects annually

  › Defines and maintains the technical vision for the LF AI Foundation

  › Votes on approving new projects joining the LF AI

  › Defines common and best practices

› The TAC can appoint or oversee additional committees for the Foundation

› Meetings via conference calls take place every 2 weeks, are recorded and open to the general public

  › https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=7733341

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Outreach Committee

› Composition:
  › One appointed voting representative from each Premier Member
  › Each General Member may appoint a non-voting representative to observe and participate in the Outreach Committee

› Responsible for community outreach and marketing strategy for LF AI & Data

› Meetings happen monthly over a conference call

https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/display/DL/Outreach+Committee

Budget Committee

› Composition:

  › Representatives of the Governing Board that volunteer to be named participants on the Budget Committee

› The responsibilities of the Budget Committee include:

  › Assisting the Treasurer in preparation of annual budgets that adhere to the principles and guidelines established by the Governing Board;

  › Developing and reporting metrics for the allocation of budget in relation to meeting the priorities of the Governing Board;

  › Reviewing the progress of the Directed Fund against the annual budget;

  › Preparing forecasts for future financial needs of the Directed Fund; and such other matters related to finance and the financial operation of the Directed Fund as may be directed to the Budget Committee by the Governing Board

Legal Committee

› The Legal Committee consists of members of the Governing Board that wish to participate on the Legal Committee together with their company's legal counsel

› Responsible for the creation of recommendations to the Governing Board in response to questions submitted to the Legal Committee by the Governing Board or the TAC

Key Foundation Staff and Resources

LF AI & Data: Key Contacts and Resources

Staff -
https://lfaidata.foundation/about/people/

Contact Us
https://members.lfaidata.foundation/

Resources

Web Site   https://lfaidata.foundation

Landscape   https://landscape.lfai.foundation.

GitHub   https://github.com/lfai

Wiki   https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/

Artwork   https://github.com/lfai/artwork

Email   info@lfaidata.foundation

Mail Lists
https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/main/subgroups
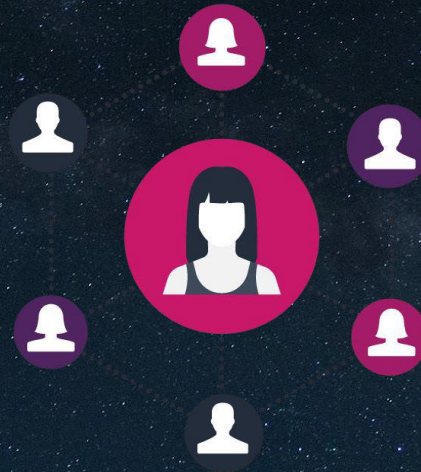
Joining LF AI & Data

(For future members)

Join the LF AI & Data Foundation - Membership Benefits

Organizations join LF AI & Data because they want to take an active role in supporting the growth and evolution of the open source AI, ML, DL, and Data ecosystem.
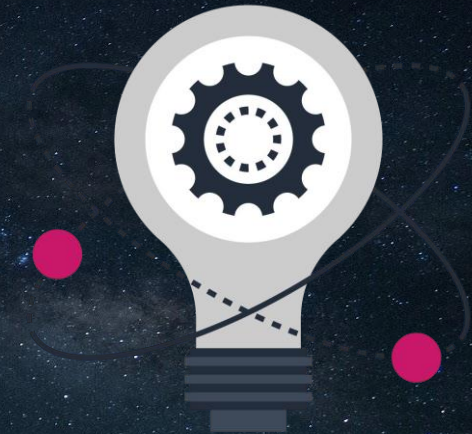
LF AI & Data Membership Provides:

Marketing Amplification and Brand Awareness

Community Engagement

Thought Leadership

LF AI & Data Foundation Annual Dues

	Not Yet a Linux Foundation Member	Existing Linux Foundation Member
Premier Member	$120,000	$100,000
General Member	5,000 employees +: $45,000 2,000 - 4,999: $30,000 500 - 1,999: $25,000 Up to 499 employees: $10,000	5,000 employees +: $25,000 2,000 - 4,999: $15,000 500 - 1,999: $10,000 Up to 499 employees: $5,000
Associate Member	Free	

Limited to academic and nonprofit institutions respectively and requires approval by the Governing Board

Premier Membership

Highest tier of membership – For organizations who contribute heavily to open source AI, ML, DL, and Data and bring in their own projects to be hosted at the Foundation. They work in concert with LF AI & Data team members. These companies want to take the most active role in enabling open source AI, ML, DL, and Data.

Premier members are eligible to:

(Enjoy all the benefits of General level, plus;)

- Appoint one representative to the LF AI & Data Governing Board
- Appoint one representative as a voting member in any subcommittee or activities of the Governing Board
- Enjoy most prominent placement in displays of membership including website and marketing materials
- Increased access to Linux Foundation's invitation-only Open Source Leadership Summit
- Create an individualized press release upon membership announcement with the LF AI & Data PR team
- Receive ongoing, individual engagement and guidance from LF AI & Data Executive Director and staff

General Membership

Targeted for organizations that want to put their organization in full view in support of LF AI & Data and our mission. Organizations that join at the General level are committed to using open source technology, helping LF AI & Data grow, voicing the opinions of their customers, and giving back to the community.

General members are eligible to:

- Participate in elections to appoint one representative to the LF AI & Data Governing Board per every ten General members, up to three maximum General representatives
- Receive greater insight into LF AI & Data strategy and project roadmaps through increased engagement with the LF AI & Data Executive Director and staff
- Create an individualized press release upon membership announcement with the LF AI & Data PR team
- Participate in all Marketing, Community, Thought Leadership opportunities
- Demonstrate your support for LF AI & Data by displaying your logo on the LF AI & Data website and in marketing materials

Associate Membership

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- › Academia
- › Not-for-profit
- › Government agencies
- › Standardization bodies
- › etc.

Free membership

LF AI & Data Projects

LF AI & Data Hosted Projects

Please visit https://lfaidata.foundation/projects/ for the most updated list of hosted projects.

Hosting Projects under the
LF AI & Data Foundation

LF AI & Data supports open development across a diverse community and provides enabling services for members including ecosystem development, legal support, marketing, events, compliance scans, and more.

Host Your Project in LF AI & Data

› The process to host projects under LF AI is:
  › Present the project to the LF AI Technical Advisory Council (TAC)
  › Provide a proposal on hosting the project under LF AI
    (via Github: https://github.com/lfai/proposing-projects/tree/master/proposals)
  › For "Incubation" project: A positive vote by the Technical Advisory Council
  › For "Graduation" project: A positive vote by the Technical Advisory Council and Governing Board
  › Sign the trademark and project account transfer agreement
  › Work with LF AI staff on integrating the project with the LF AI Foundation
› Detailed description of the process:
  https://lfaidata.foundation/proposal-and-hosting-process/
› Detailed requirements for hosting projects under the LF AI:
  https://github.com/lfai/proposing-projects

Creating sustainable open source projects requires hard work

01 Governance Structure

02 Membership Management

03 IP Management

04 Hosting Infrastructure

05 Ecosystem Development

06 Critical Mass at Launch

07 Marketing Platform

08 Awareness and Reach

09 Project Guidance

10 Events Support

11 Trademark Support

12 Independent Neutral Home

13 Funding Model

14 Compliance Scans

15 CLA Management

16 Creative Services

17 Dedicated Staff

18 Validation from a trusted source

19 Collaboration opp with other projects

Our Value Proposition to Projects

Getting Involved

Ways to Get Involved with LF AI & Data Projects

Participate in the development: Review and submit patches, report bugs, request features, test, etc.

Attend developer events for LF AI & Data projects

Contribute to project documentation

Provide your testing and deployment feedback via appropriate project channel

Join the projects' mailing lists and participate in the discussions

Start a local User Group Meetup

Ways to Get Involved with LF AI & Data Marketing & Outreach

☑ Promotion of project updates, releases, and news via LF AI & Data social media accounts

☑ Attend Outreach Committee meetings and participate in ongoing activities

☑ Publish use cases, case studies, white papers, and deployment insights

☑ Marketing and PR support for demos at meetups and events

☑ Host vendor neutral content via LF AI & Data blog site

☑ Get support for artwork, web site, content creation, etc., for LF AI & Data projects

☑ Contribute to the LF AI & Data landscape, promote in talks

☑ Coordination at events, speaking proposals, booth attendance, demos, etc.

☑ Volunteer to host an LF AI & Data Day and Project developer events

☑ Identify speaking opportunities and help secure speakers from the LF AI & Data community

☑ Help secure user stories about LF AI & Data based deployments

☑ Support LF AI & Data marketing and PR staff

Ways to Get Involved with the TAC

☑ Support TAC leadership in inviting speakers

☑ Attend TAC Bi-weekly calls, participate in the discussion, volunteer

☑ Share success stories, opportunities and challenges with the broader technical community

☑ Identify opportunities for collaboration on common interests and initiatives, seek input from peers

☑ Support technical leadership for harmonization efforts with other open source projects

☑ Support TAC in hosting and sponsoring intra-project and inter-project developer events

☑ Support TAC in evaluating new projects for inclusion in LF AI & Data; recommend new projects

☑ Support TAC Chair working with the GB to highlight opportunities and needed resource

Ways to Get Involved with Committees

Join the committee meetings

Subscribe to the mailing list and participate in discussions

Contribute to the meetings

Speak at events, participate in demos

Suggest new project efforts

Define user stories

Members - Display Your LF AI & Data Membership Badge

› As an LF AI & Data member, we encourage you to download your membership badge to display on your website and collateral, as well as in trade show booths

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Project - Display Your LF AI & Data Association

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