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# Open Source Programs and Creative Careers



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# Open source programs: GSoC, GSoD

- Decide the technologies you want to work with.
- Learn version control (preferably git, SVN, Jira).
- Selecting organizations and projects
  - Select multiple orgs (you are allowed to submit 3 different proposals).
  - Start with this phase early on in the program timeline.
  - More projects = more competition
  - Lesser known org = higher chance
  - Peculiar project = higher chance

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- Contributing to organizations
  - Join their communication channels and mailing lists.
  - Ask questions.
  - Get in touch with mentors.
  - Attend their meetings.
  - Make yourself known.
  - Go over the source code and work protocols.
  - Contribute by solving issues, making PRs, writing documentation, etc.
  - Start as early as possible - at least 1-2 months before the application phase ends.
  - Keep contributing after the application phase.

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- Project proposal:
  - Idea + synopsis
  - Plan, current state of the project
    - Objectives
    - Implementation
      - Timeline and deliverables
      - Tools and methodologies
      - Research and references
  - Projects and contributions
    - Contributions to the org
    - Other contributions to OSS
    - Related experience

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- Motives for choosing this project in particular
- Personal information
  - About me
  - Technical skills
- Anything apart from these points are not relevant in a project proposal.
- Many orgs have their own proposal templates that you're required to use.
- Don't focus on the stipend! It is only a means to motivate you, not a medium.

# Q&A

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BE Computer

Happy to help :) [tacitonic.com](http://tacitonic.com)

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## Relevant links:

- My project proposal for WordPress:  
<https://developers.google.com/season-of-docs/docs/2020/participants/project-wordpress-tacitonic>
- My project repo: <https://github.com/WordPress/WordPress-Documentation-Style-Guide>
- [g.co/gsoc](https://g.co/gsoc)
- [g.co/seasonofdocs](https://g.co/seasonofdocs)
- If you don't get into one of these, there are tons of other opportunities:  
[opensourceinternships.herokuapp.com](https://opensourceinternships.herokuapp.com)