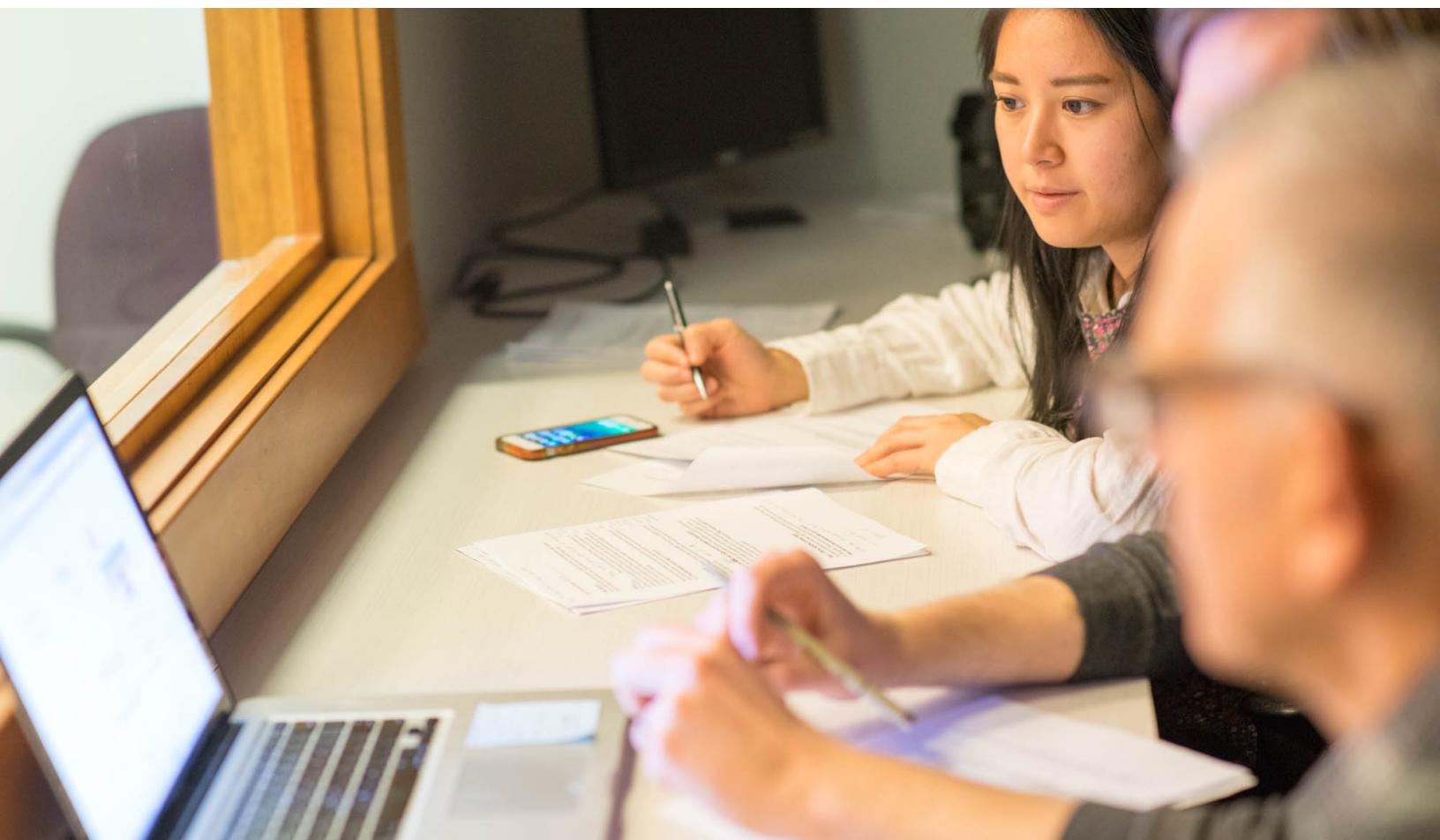


PRIME



Prime Digital Academy

New Student Orientation

Welcome to Prime!

We are so excited that you have chosen Prime to start your journey towards becoming a software engineer or UX designer! Tech is changing the world, and software created by bright and driven minds will make the world a better place... like you!



About Prime

We believe well-engineered solutions to poorly-understood problems often fail. At Prime, we aim to better the industry, and the world, by empowering individuals with unique and diverse backgrounds to apply their passions to impactful problems. In return, students earn rewarding and high-paying careers in tech in months, not years.



Students first

Everything we do is designed to help students improve their lives.



Learn by doing

Experimentation and iteration are an engine for success.



Humility

People who know everything can't learn anything



Empathetic

Recognize good solutions require a true understanding of the problem



PRIME COMMUNITY



You are now a part of a large community of talented and passionate students, alumni, staff, volunteer industry professionals & hiring partners! We are excited to welcome you to the Prime family.

Campus Events

During your time at Prime there will be opportunities to attend on campus events! This is a great way to learn a few new things, see what's coming up for you in the program and meet some neat people that make up our community. Keep a look out for updates each week on the events on-campus!

More information on this will be sent out on slack, our communication tool every week!



GET CONNECTED

Guest Speakers

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3pm-4pm

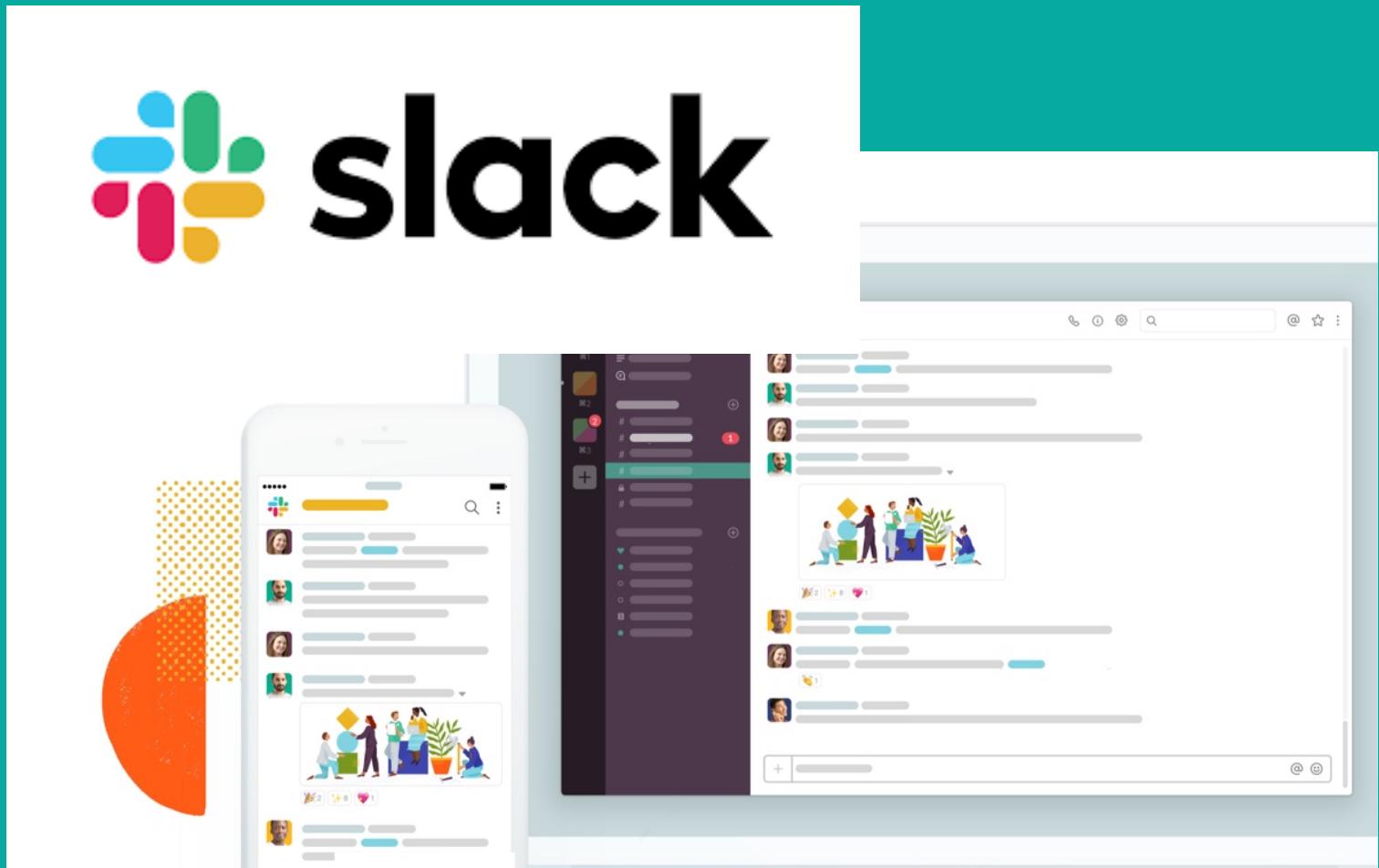


Guest speakers are professionals from the local tech community that come to share their experiences, insights and knowledge within the tech industry. After each guest talk, we host a Q & A and meet and greet where you'll have an opportunity to ask questions and meet the guest presenters! This is a great way to learn more about the tech industry and network with industry professionals.

GETTING CONNECTED

Communication Tool- Slack

Slack our primary form of communication on campus. If you haven't used slack before, it's no problem! Watch the slack video in your Orientation Follow up email to get familiarized with the platform. When you sign in, be sure to put a picture of yourself (your face!) and full name.



GETTING CONNECTED

Slack Channels

Your cohort will have its own personal channel for daily communication, but there is also other channels you can join for fun! Looking for some community and like to have a good time? Check out #community, #wellness and #guest Speaker_Series channel! These spaces are great ways to engage with other folks at Prime, learn something new and have some fun. All cohorts welcome to join + participate!

Watch the slack overview video in your Orientation Follow up email for more information.

The screenshot shows the Slack interface for the "#wellness" channel. On the left is the sidebar with various channels and user profiles. The main area shows a message from "ange (she/her)" with a link to a page about visual reminders. Below it is a message from "Rachael Bromander" sharing a Facebook post about Fred Blankenship. At the bottom, there's a message from "Bethany (she/her)" with an image and a message input field.

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#wellness 8 9:18 AM

Some nice little visual reminders for your screens if you want/need them:
<https://stillkickin.ipages.co/its-going-to-be-okay/>

unnamed.jpg

It's going to be okay.

Friday, April 3rd

Rachael Bromander 10:59 AM

If you ever need a pick me up - Fred Blankenship is AMAZING! <https://www.facebook.com/fredblankenship/videos/169360620788477/>

Facebook Fred Blankenship

Bethany (she/her) 9:07 AM

Image from iOS

JUST IN CASE NO ONE HAS TOLD YOU TODAY...

Yesterday

New

Message #wellness

Important Dates

Tier 1 Class Times

For UX (Minneapolis) all class times are offered both 12pm or 5:30pm

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Remote Class					

For Full Stack - all class times are offered both 12pm or 5:30pm

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Onsite Class	Remote Class	Remote Class	Remote Class	Onsite Class	Remote Class

Tuition Due Date

Tuition is due the first day of your on-campus experience

Cost & scholarship options

Tuition for both the Full Stack Engineering and User Experience Design programs at Prime is \$16,000. Prime provides \$500 scholarships for students of color and partners with programs like [TechHire](#) for up to 100% tuition funding and [Minnesota's Dislocated Worker Program](#) for partial tuition funding. Some students take advantage of other scholarships out there like Dollars for Scholars, but it's fairly uncommon.

Personal loan options

If you need a loan to pay for Prime, the first step is seeing if you can qualify for a personal loan and what those terms could look like for you based on your credit score. Educate yourself on [how personal loans work](#) and use a site like [Lending Tree](#) to compare rates and get a feel for monthly payments and total cost using your estimated credit score. Since you're technically paying your Prime tuition in full when you use a personal loan, you qualify for our \$500 tuition discount! Note that because of Prime's nimble and employer-focused curriculum, Prime students don't qualify for student federal loans / FAFSA.

Other lending options

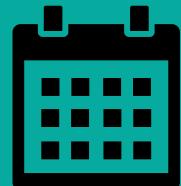
If your credit score/history prevents you from getting approved for a personal loan, or you're looking for more flexible terms like low, interest-only payments for the first 6 months, explore loan options with our specialized lenders [Mertize](#), [Skillsfund](#) or [Climb](#). Over 25% of our students use these flexible and accessible options!

Orientation Checklist



- ✓ Turn in your contract & deposit
- ✓ Complete On-boarding form by Monday!
- ✓ Review the Orientation follow up email for helpful tutorials, read the Code of Conduct and remote immersion expectations before the first class.

Next Step: Your First Day!



You will receive **two** welcome emails with all the information you need to start Tier 1. Follow the instructions in the email which include: account set up, instructor information, academic expectations, technology tools and more.

We're so glad you're here!
Questions?

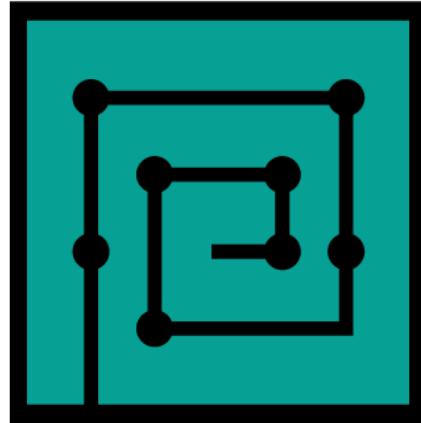
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