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Future tech leaders: Apply to become a Neo Scholar

The deadline has passed for the 2024 Neo Scholar application.

Apply now for the opportunity to be connected to amazing startup jobs. If eligible, you will be automatically considered for the 2025 Neo Scholar cohort (i.e. class of 2025 or younger).

Are you a college student who excels at CS? Accelerate your entrepreneurial journey with the support of one of tech's strongest communities.

Meet a cohort of exceptional builders

Bond with 30 of North America's top CS students at intimate events including an unforgettable visit to Neo Accelerator's founder retreat.

Expedite your job search

Join an awesome startup through our common application: get fast-tracked interviews, direct access to leadership, and 1:1 career advice.

Join a diverse mentorship community

Get support and help others. Build lifelong relationships with students, founders, and tech veterans.

Maximize your potential as a future founder.

Build with free OpenAI & Azure credits and more. Whenever you start a company, get priority access to Neo Accelerator and funding.

Note: Although we primarily accept rising juniors and seniors, we welcome college students of all ages to apply.

If you have any questions, reach out to scholars@neo.com

Learn more here.

Basic Information

First Name *

> Austin

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College *

If your college is not listed, please add it. We welcome students from all universities.

> ×UC Berkeley

Major(s) *

> computer science

Graduation year *

Neo is accepting applications for current undergraduates.

> Spring 2025

Pronouns

If you prefer anything else, specify below in "What else should we know about you?"

> He/Him

Resume *

Please provide a link to the file and enable view sharing.

> Enter resume URL.

LinkedIn

> https://www.linkedin.com/in/austin-pereira-558b671b7/

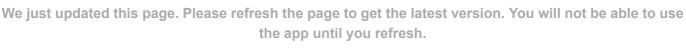## What is your past experience with startups, if any? (select all that apply)

- ☑ I've worked at / will be working at a startup.
- ☑ I've started a business before.

Why are you interested in Neo? * (select all that apply)

- ☑ I'm interested in working at a startup.

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☑ I'm excited to join a community of amazing engineers.

☑ I'm interested in mentorship.

When are you available to work at a startup? (select all that apply)

☐ Full-time (new grad)

☑ Spring 2024 internship

☑ Summer 2024 internship

☑ Fall 2024 internship

What stage of startups are you interested in? (select all that apply)

If you're not sure, leave this blank.

☐ Very early (1 to 10 employees)

☑ Early (10 to 50 employees)

☐ Later (50+ employees)

Which industries are most exciting for you? * (select all that apply)

> × Bio / Healthcare   × Deep Tech   × FinTech   × Hardware / Robotics

What are your technical interests? * (select all that apply)

> × Autonomy / Robotics   × Big Data / Data Science   × Computer Vision
> × Full-stack   × Generative AI   × Hardware / IOT

Have you previously applied to Neo?

☐ Yes

How did you hear about Neo?

If you heard about us from a particular person, please tell us who.

> Google Search

What else should we know about you? (optional)

> Enter optional additional information here.

These questions will help us get to know you better. Please write 3-4 sentences for each.

When and how did you start coding? *

Describe when and how you first started programming.

> I started coding in highschool with HTML which I really didnt like which created a hate for computers but then I joined machine learning classes after 10th and really enjoyed it and eventually I started learning app building with Java and transitioned as a fullstack developer with machine learning skills

305 characters (300-500 please)

What are your passions and interests? *

Share what your care about, technical or otherwise.

> I love learning new programming and software skills, I love ethical hacking and finding bugs in websites. Also outside of school I practice MMA which is a great way for me to relive stress and play guitar during my free time because I love music. Apart from that I do cooking, music remixes, write blogs and provide consultancy for university students

351 characters (300-500 please)

What are you most proud of? *

e.g. Projects, achievements, awards.

> I am most proud of my transfer to UC Berkeley, along with being able to manage school while doing internship and running a startup

130 characters (300-500 please)

What are your most entrepreneurial experiences *

e.g. working at a startup, starting a business, building an app.

> I am currently working on Fashion Tech startup that uses Modelling and Computer Vision to improvise shopping experience for users buying clothing in store and online with personalized AI recommendations that will also help businesses to get more user data

255 characters (300-500 please)

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No dream is too big!

> I see myself selling two companies and then transitioning into Venture Capital in Europe

88 characters (300-500 please)

Do you consider yourself underrepresented in tech? (leave blank if not)

> Yes I am. I am the first person in my family to learn CS and also I come from a low-income background and I am a first generation student

Technical Assessments

Which programming language(s) are you most comfortable with? *

Choose up to 3.

> × Java   × Python

Choose a technical screen (first round). *

See FAQ for more information about choosing a first-round assessment.

- ● Byteboard - mock project: give feedback on a spec, then implement in an existing codebase (110 min)
- ○ CodeSignal - general coding & algorithm test (70min)

Opt-out of tech screen: exceptional justification. (optional)

If you believe you can opt out of the technical screen and can prove exceptional technical ability another way (e.g. IOI Silver or Gold medal, significant open source contributions), please indicate here.

> Explain opt-out justification.

Any past projects we should evaluate. (optional)

e.g. GitHub, personal project, or open source contributions. Make sure it is publicly accessible and substantial enough to be evaluated.

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Choose a second-round live interview method. * (select one or more)

- ☑ Coding: algorithms
- ☐ Coding: systems design
- ☐ Problem-solving: AI / ML
- ☑ Debugging task
- ☑ Walk through code of past project(s)

Additional ways we should evaluate your technical abilities. (optional)

> Enter additional information.

Reference Checks

We strongly believe that the experience others have working with you tells us more than a coding interview ever could.

Specify at least three people who you've worked with closely and can speak to your coding ability, problem-solving skills, and leadership. This can include a former manager, peer, mentor, or professor. **At least one reference must have directly managed you in a technical role.**

Please notify them to expect an email from Neo. Once you submit this application, the request will automatically be sent.

Reference 1 *

> Ivano Lodato

> ivano.lodato@allos.ai

Reference 2 *

> Adam Anderson

> adamganderson@gmail.com

Reference 3 *

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☑ **Required:** Neo may share my info (including test scores, references, & intervi results) with companies for recruiting and evaluation.

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