

# OpenMined Mentorship Program

This is a step by step guide to lead you through the OpenMined Community! Your Mentor will lead you through the process below and will be your go-to contact for any questions. If you do not yet have a mentor, please sign up to [Receive OM Mentorship here](#).

## 1 Introduction

Here are three great ways to say hello to the OpenMined community on Slack! If you have not yet signed up for an OpenMined Slack username, please [click here](#) to do so.

### #General-Discussion

The #general-discussion Slack channel is a great place to introduce yourself! Go say hi!

### Location Based Channels

Your Mentor has invited you to a location based Slack channel where you can chat with other OpenMineders in your area. They would love to collaborate with you!

### Interest Based Channels

Your Mentor has sent you an up-to date list of Interest Based Slack channels where you can chat with other OpenMineders with similar interests to you. Go say hello!

## 2 Team Goal

The best way to get involved with OpenMined is to join a team! We have a variety of different Community and Development teams that encompass many different skill sets and levels.

### Set your goal!

Your Mentor will send you an up-to-date list of all current Development and Community teams. Use this list to decide which team you would like to set as your goal!

If you're unsure about which team would be the best fit, ask your Mentor to send over the list of requirements for the teams you are interested in.

### Still learning?

Many people who join the OpenMined community are just beginning to learn about Private AI, and we have many different resources to help you learn!

So even if you know you aren't yet qualified enough to join a specific team, you can set your Team Goal as the team that you are most interested in getting involved in, and we'll help you learn what you need to join!

## 3.1 IF YOU WANT TO JOIN A Community Team

### Team Requirements

Your Mentor will send you a list of the requirements to join the team you are interested in. Some teams have higher levels of requirements than others, and some teams may not be accepting new members at all times. Your Mentor will let you know if the community team you're interested in is accepting new members.

### Team Applications

Once you have read through the requirements, you can assess whether or not you feel ready to join this team. If you're ready, your Mentor will send you the appropriate application to complete.

Let your Mentor know once you have filled out the application form, and they will follow up with the team's leader on your behalf to find out if you are a good fit, or if there is more that you need to do to be ready for this team.

## 3.2 IF YOU WANT TO JOIN A Development Team

### Good First Issues

In order to join any OpenMined Development Team, you must have successfully merged a Pull Request to one of OpenMined's GitHub repositories.

Each development team has put together a list of "Good First Issues" to help facilitate this process.

So, if you have not merged any code to our repos yet then your Mentor will send you the "Good First Issues" link for the team you would like to join.

If you have already successfully merged a PR, then go ahead and skip to Team Requirements section below!

### Learning Resources

If you have any trouble completing a "Good First Issue", there are several ways that we can help you learn!

#### Educational Tools

We have put together a list of Educational Tools for each team to help new members learn the skills that they need to complete a Good First Issue and join the team.

Your Mentor will share this list of Educational Tools with you to help you learn!

Any Mentees that decide to take the Secure and Private AI Udacity course detailing how OpenMined works should join the #udacity\_course Slack channel and read more below about the Learning Team Initiatives!

#### Ask For Help

If you have technical questions you need help with, you can ask the Slack community for help in the #beginner channel or in that team's channel. If you would like to ask your question in the team's channel, ask your Mentor for the appropriate channel name.

If the community is not providing sufficient help for your problem, then you can ask your Mentor to introduce you to the team's lead. They will be able to answer any question you have!

### Learning Team

If you decide to take our free [Private AI Udacity Course](#), the Learning Team is here to help!

Through code challenges, study groups, and many more initiatives, the goal of the Learning Team is to create community among all of those who are working through the course so that people can work with others who are at the same skill level as themselves.

If you are interested in joining the Learning Team's initiatives, ask your Mentor how!

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### Team Applications

Once you have merged a PR and feel that you meet all of the team's requirements, then you can apply to join a Development Team by completing that team's application. Let your Mentor know when you are ready for it, and they will send you the link for the appropriate team application.

Let them know once you have filled out the application form, and they will follow up with that team's lead on your behalf to find out if you are a good fit or if there is more that you need to do to be ready for this team.

## 4 Goal Reached!

Congratulations! Once your application to join a team has been accepted, then your Goal has been reached! You have officially graduated from the OpenMined Mentorship Program!

### Mentorship

Once you have joined a team, your Team Lead will be able to give you guidance going forward. Your Mentor will always be there if you need help with anything, but they will no longer be actively following up on your progress.

### What's next?

While you have officially graduated from the Mentorship Program, there are still ways for you to be even more involved, if you so choose. If you are a successful member of your team, here are some things you can look forward to!

#### Lead your own team!

As OpenMined is a fast growing community of volunteers, we are always in need of team leaders.

To lead your own team all you have to do is be committed and excited about our community.

Once you have been on a team for a while, you will "know the ropes", and are officially a great team lead candidate! Just contact @frask if you are ready to lead your own team!

#### OM Fellowships!

Periodically we receive donations from organisations to fund development. These donations are used to pay OM Fellows to work on specific parts of the code base for specific amounts of time.

Anyone can apply to be an OM Fellow when these opportunities are announced, but generally the grants are given to members of existing teams to fund their work.

Grants come in rounds, and more opportunities open up all of the time, so check out the [OM Blog](#) for grant announcements!