NYC Web Development Fellowship – FAQs

What is the NYC Web Development Fellowship?

The NYC Web Development Fellowship is a training program offered by the NYC Tech Talent Pipeline. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio launched The NYC Tech Talent Pipeline, a $10 million industry partnership designed to deliver quality jobs for New Yorkers and quality talent for New York's businesses. The Fellowship is designed to help New Yorkers with little to no web development experience start a career in web development. In just 22-weeks of intensive training, you could be ready to get a job paying $65,000 a year.

If selected, you are required to be on campus Monday through Friday, 9:00AM-6:00PM throughout the duration of the program. During the first 4 weeks, you will complete 150+ hours of pre-work assignments on campus. Afterwards, you will be on-campus for 18 weeks for lectures, lab exercises, group work, and an apprenticeship.

 Your commitment is critical during the program – there is much work to be done beyond those hours. Many students choose to stay late and come in on weekends.

What will I be learning?

Graduates from the Fellowship will have learned skills that prepare them for jobs as Web Developers, creating web-based software applications that power internet services like Twitter, Tribeca Film Festival and The New York Times.

Am I guaranteed a job at the end of the program?

No. Although we will do our best to connect graduates with web development jobs paying at least $65,000 a year, getting hired is a very personal process. It depends on your interviews, your skills, and the portfolio that you build during the program.

To help increase your chances however, Unit 4 of the program is an apprenticeship program to provide real-world work experience with a potential employer. You will also receive in-depth training on technical interviewing skills and workplace best practices

How much is the program?

The Fellowship is offered by the NYC Tech Talent Pipeline, at no cost to participants.

Do I need to bring my own computer?

No. You will be lent a Mac with minimum specification for the duration of the Fellowship.

Why will I be learning the programming language Ruby?

The programming language that you learn matters least. Programming is about abstractions and expressions: the mechanics of code are universal and exist in all modern programming languages. The Fellowship will teach Ruby and the Ruby ecosystem (which includes Rails) but you are actually learning how to think, how to break problems down, how to express yourself, how to abstract ideas, and how to work together. You will just be doing that

through Ruby.

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Eligibility Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

In order to be eligible, applicants must:
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a New York City resident
- Have never been employed (full-time or part-time) as a web developer
- Currently earn less than $50,000 a year (or be unemployed)
- Meet all federal selective service requirements, if applicable
- Be authorized to work in the United States

I live in Westchester. Am I eligible for the Fellowship?

No. In order to be eligible, you must be a resident in one of New York City's five boroughs (i.e., Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and/or Staten Island).

What does it mean to have never been employed as a web developer?

If you have worked as a web developer and been paid, for example, through a W-2 or 1099, you have been employed as a web developer and you are not eligible for this Fellowship. Work that qualifies as web development may be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Fellowship is designed for those who have little to no experience as a web developer. You only need to have a strong desire and commitment to learn. Before you apply, make sure this is something you know you want to do. Try some tutorials. Read some books. Pair with a friend. If you are 100% committed, nothing will get in your way.

What is selective service?

The current regulations are that all males born in 1960 and after are required to register with Selective Service. Please go to www.sss.gov to learn more.

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Still have questions? Email nycworkforce1@flatironschool.com.