

In RetroPGF Round 3 anybody can submit an application. In the first two weeks there has been significant traction, with over 300 [applications submitted](#).

To not overwhelm the voting process for badgeholders, there is a need for a review process which removes applications that violate the application rules (see [RetroPGF 3 Application Guidelines](#)).

Application Review Process Overview

1. Anybody can report a project using the report action on the relevant project profile in [RetroPGF voting application\(s\)](#). When reporting a project, the user fills out a form where they can select one or multiple rules the application violates.
2. Any badgeholder can volunteer to take part in the review process. These Badgeholder Reviewers will assess whether the application violates the application rules selected in the report.
3. Each reported application will be reviewed and voted on by 5 Reviewers. For the application to be excluded from the Round, at least 3 out of the 5 Reviewers need to cast votes in favor of excluding the application. Reviewers are asked to review, and vote on, a specific set of reports.
4. If applicants believe their application has been wrongfully excluded, and is not in violation of the Application Rules, [they can file an appeal](#). Appeals are reviewed by a subset of volunteering Badgeholder Reviewers.
5. Badgeholder Reviewers are not allowed to vote on applications from their primary project.

“Primary” is defined as a project to which you dedicate >25% of working hours or derive >25% of your compensation.

In Round 3, this review process is done by Badgeholder Reviewers; in future Rounds, this role will be fulfilled by an elected Code of Conduct Council. More details on this [here](#).

How to participate

1. Any badgeholder can volunteer to participate in the application review process
 2. To join as a Reviewer, a badgeholder must submit [this form](#) by Monday, October 16th
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 4. The review process will take place from Oct 24th - Nov 1st
- . To effectively participate in this process, a reviewer should expect to spend at least 6 hours on reviews.
1. The Optimism Foundation will allocate 20k OP to reward Reviewers for participating in the review process. Rewards will be retroactively allocated to participants by the Foundation.
 2. Additionally, the Foundation will select a Lead Reviewer responsible for ensuring all reports have received reviews by 5 Reviewers, coordinating and cleaning up the incoming reports, communicating with other Reviewers, and coordinating with the RetroPGF team. The Lead Reviewer should expect to spend at least 12 hours on this process, and rewards will reflect the incremental commitment made by the Lead relative to Reviewers. The Lead Reviewer will be a non-voting Reviewer. On the form, you can select whether you are interested in becoming a lead reviewer.
 3. Those who fill in the form will be contacted on Tuesday, October 17th
 4. We will have a Reviewer sync call on Monday, October 23rd at 11am PT / 6pm UTC

RetroPGF 3 Application Rules

These rules were published as part of the [RetroPGF 3 Application Guidelines](#).

Rules 10., 11. and 12. have been added after the applications process started to address an overwhelming number of low quality applications.

1. Promises of future impact
2. promises of future deliverables or impact are not allowed.
3. False statements & deception
4. false claims about your contributions, past impact or funding & grants are not allowed.
5. Hateful Content
6. No racist, sexist, or otherwise hateful speech, no discrimination.

7. Deceiving badgeholders
8. Malicious content that could cause harm or unintended consequences to users.
9. Fraud & Impersonation
10. Claiming to be a brand or person you are not. The Grant owner must be directly affiliated with the project, the funds must go to the project.
11. Advertising
12. Using RetroPGF application to showcase something you are selling like a token sale or NFT drop
13. Bribery
14. Bribing badgeholders or vote buying is strictly forbidden.
15. Contacting badgeholders to promote your application
16. Using private channels such as DMs to promote your applications to badgeholders
17. All recipients are subject to KYC -

If you do not pass KYC, your grant will be returned to the RetroPGF treasury for future rounds

1. Outside of RetroPGF's scope
2. contributions that do not have a clear relationship to Optimism, applications that do not highlight a valid contribution *or contributions which are outside of the RetroPGF scope*.*
3. *Contribution is defined as an activity which required a minimum time commitment of 1 hour and which provided impact to the Collective.
4. **Please note that user interactions (e.g., sending transactions) on OP Mainnet, or on other OP chains that are part of the Superchain, are not in scope to be rewarded in RetroPGF 3.
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7. Spam
8. Applications containing spam, such as irrelevant answers, plagiarized content, broken or unrelated impact metrics and contribution links. Applications in languages other than English*.
9. *This will help simplify the process as English is the working language of the majority of Badgeholders. Please ensure you translate any content that's part of the application.
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11. Duplicate applications
12. Multiple applications from the same individual, project or group which apply for the same impact.
13. Members of [contribution paths](#) (Council Members, Ambassadors, NumbaNERDs, SupNERDs, TechNERDs, Translators) or Councils can't submit individual applications for their work within the relevant workstream, as each workstream will apply as a project.
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