

# Headstarter Fellowship FAQ

Faizan (Co-Founder) — 10/07/2024 05:56

Q: When does the Fellowship start and end?

A: July 22 – September 8 (7 weeks)

Q: Do I have to pay to get into the Fellowship?

A: No, the fellowship is free.

Q: Can I update my application? I forgot to add my resume or I'd like to improve my responses.

A: Fill out the application form again, make sure to use the same email you used when you filled it out for the first time.

Q: What is the criteria for being accepted?

A: Thoughtful answers to questions where you share examples of your tenacity, uniqueness, and team collaboration. Also, being active in this discord where you answer other people's questions, along with being active on our reddit. Spamming does not count.

Q: Does receiving an email to fill out Part 2 mean that I got selected/accepted for the Headstarter SWE Fellowship?

A: No, you would be notified of acceptance via a separate email.

Q: When are acceptances being sent out?

A: Acceptances are rolling, they will be sent up until July 22nd

Q: What is the time commitment per week?

A: 20 hours a week minimum

Q: Will there be IRL meetups / networking sessions during the fellowship?

A: Yes, we will have meetups in SF & NYC on weekends. Meetups in a couple other cities / states will be organized during the fellowship. Travel costs are not reimbursed.

Q: Will there be a platform for us to use for the interview prep + DSA review? How do we access it if we are accepted to the fellowship?

A: Yes, the fellowship will run through our platform: <https://app.theheadstarter.com/>, where you will get your project & assignments for the week. Once the fellowship starts, you will receive a code to enter in the platform to register you as a "SWE Fellow" for additional access and features. You'll be able to find & connect with other fellows through our platform as well. Please note: If you make an account on our platform right now, you won't see tasks relevant to the fellowship. You'll start seeing relevant tasks once the Fellowship starts on July 22nd.

Q: Where can I learn more about the curriculum for the fellowship?

A: Learn more on our website: <https://headstarter.co/info>

Q: I got accepted and picked a track but I want to change it, can I?

A: Yes, you can change tracks during the fellowship

Q: I got accepted, how can I prepare for the fellowship / what are the prerequisites?

A: Get familiar with HTML and CSS, and Python. If you are more advanced, get familiar with React, Next JS, OpenAI API, LangChain, and AWS.

Q: Will I have to work on a team for the projects?

A: Yes, you will work on a team to complete the projects starting from week 3. Teams will consist of 3-4 people, and we will put you in teams based on your time zone or location, so ideally you can meet in person. If you already have a team that you would like to work with, fill out this form: <https://tally.so/r/mRLJQj> . Only 1 team member has to fill out this form.

Q: Will we be given resources to help with building the projects?

A: Yes, you'll have a step by step video walkthrough on how to build each project, with additional resources to check out as well.

# About Us

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 29/05/2023 20:51

Welcome to the Headstarter Journey 🥳

On behalf of the founders, team and our network of 400 elite engineers, we are thrilled to have you with us as a discord member. Remember our network is your network.

Quick Definition of Headstarter: someone who brings a unique edge/passion, demonstrates excellence and relatively younger compared to peers. Everyone can be a Headstarter within their goals by writing their 5-year targets, reasons and taking action. Headstarter Platform is in your corner to help you with just that.

Headstarter has run this software engineering fellowship 7x in the past with 300+ past fellows. 50% got software engineering full-time or internship offers(s) 6 months after completion at companies like Google, Apple, Bloomberg, Citadel, Two Sigma, Meta and top-tier startups. Since then Headstarter has built a super network of 400 software engineers and 30 unicorn founders to build an all-in-one platform to crush coding interviews. Our mission is to give future tech leaders direction, standardization, consistency and transparency.

Every other week, we will have billion-dollar company founders who did CS or elite engineers. We extend you a heartfelt invitation to join us. Please ask tons of questions as they will create visibility to the folks who one day you might ask for something or want advice.

Again our network is your network. Now that you are in the Discord, enjoy the community and make sure to do your ⚡ •introductions and actively react to other people who are contributing to the community.

Thank you for prioritizing your career. Up and up from here.

Yasin Ehsan

Co-founder of Headstarter

# Announcements

Faizan (Co-Founder) — 22/07/2024 11:59

@everyone & @Accepted SWE Fellow the Fellowship is just about to begin!! We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow (7/22) at the Fellowship Kickoff on Zoom at 4pm EST! The Zoom link will be shared below. If you can't make it, a recording will be available as well.

In the morning before the Onboarding session, Accepted SWE Fellows will get an invite link sent to your email to onboard to our platform (sneak peek below), where you will be able to access your weekly tasks including the coaching calls and Projects. Get hype!!!

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Faizan (Co-Founder) — 22/07/2024 21:47

Good morning @Accepted SWE Fellow, today is the day! As a reminder, our Fellowship Kickoff will be on Zoom at 4pm EST. The Zoom link will be shared below and a recording will be provided as well.

Expect an email like the one in the screenshot below in the next couple hours to get onboarded to your Headstarter account where you will complete all your tasks during the Fellowship!

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Thread

Account ticket 

19 Messages ›

There are no recent messages in this thread.

Faizan (Co-Founder) — 23/07/2024 01:51

@Accepted SWE Fellow email invites are currently being sent to onboard to our platform. If you haven't gotten one yet, stay tuned as they are being sent in batches 🚀

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 23/07/2024 03:03

Hello @everyone and @Accepted SWE Fellow welcome to week 1 of Headstarter Software Engineering Fellowship:

Some notes & action items:

Discord server is now closed for the time being. Even for accepted fellows who are not in here yet, won't be allowed in until we take care of a few things. Team mates who are not accepted will have to make sure part-2 is done before we reevaluate situation.

We want to make sure everyone has the right "accepted fellow swe" tag, "track a/b/c" tag

if you are NOT accepted and NOT rejected (ie applied late or never heard back) please fill out this form here for another review <https://tally.so/r/wbOM67>

If you are rejected, you are welcome to stay involved in our activities. You will not be kicked out.


if you were rejected but then got accepted please ignore the rejection, about 10% of accepted may have experienced that.

If you are rejected but teammates have been accepted, fill out this form... I see approximately about 127 teams are in this category <https://tally.so/r/wbOM67>

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give me 1 min to send the forms (I'll edit the message) <https://tally.so/r/wbOM67>

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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 23/07/2024 04:10

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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 23/07/2024 04:59

@everyone @Accepted SWE Fellow we capped zoom to 1000. this was by choice for a few reasons: people who show up early will usually benefit earlier. Usually the people who apply early to jobs have a bigger advantage esp for f500 companies. This will be the easiest route for most to get a job.

TLDR for meeting: 1) Find a team 2) maintain deadlines on platform 3) identify 3-5yr goals

Recordings will be provided for this zoom call + a detailed wiki, google calendar with invites and growing list of QnAs.

team roster: <https://tally.so/r/mRLJQj>

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 23/07/2024 06:32

@everyone @Accepted SWE Fellow Zoom recording and wiki snapshot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4piBu4f-mOA>

The first 30 seconds of the fellowship kickoff people came on voice to share how excited they were. This was hype. One person said "jumping off the balcony after hearing she got accepted." Here is a snapshot of the wiki we will be emailing everyone in an hour

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unfortunately if we used youtube streams or twitch we may have not got someone going "SUIII" on voice lol

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 23/07/2024 06:44

my resume templates:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/175stYO00Tw-0qPniQMn6V17B00unDQOeJbKFk8pHiTs/edit>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xCMYJf7HVsel5qkxZrBIIWtfLkgbWEtp0REJvBcZtdo/e>  
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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 23/07/2024 09:53

Hello peoples! @everyone @Accepted SWE Fellow fellowship wiki has just been emailed, go peep! <https://bit.ly/fellow-wiki>

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Google Docs

Fellowship Wiki

Dear accepted fellow, We thank you for trusting Headstarter. When we wanted to do 10x more things (hackathons, IRL meetups, speaker series) than any of the 7x fellowships before and saw how things went viral because we made free, we gave ourselves more than we can chew. We will be the first to ...

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Faizan (Co-Founder) — 24/07/2024 02:45

@Accepted SWE Fellow you can now change your track on our platform itself:

<https://app.theheadstarter.com/settings/fellowship>

Please change your track here instead of the Tally form.

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For Accepted Fellows who haven't gotten the email to onboard to our platform, we are sending them out right now 🚀

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 24/07/2024 03:43

@everyone @Accepted SWE Fellow kick off p2 4pm ET on tracks and deep dive into track A with Jack... live stream link will be posted here. Zoom link has been sent to all accepted fellows

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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 24/07/2024 04:20

@everyone live stream for today : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtnwUE1Bz3s>

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 25/07/2024 04:05

@everyone projects qna + meet farzy happening now <https://zoom.us/j/97574181804>

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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 25/07/2024 06:29

@everyone @Accepted SWE Fellow today was our most engaging zoom event ever!!!

Who is HYPE for this weekend hackathon with Farzy and Ruby? Both are looking to hire paid interns from the fellowship soon.

Few announcements:

should I create the most organized, neat “school-like” fellowship 📝 or get us companies to get some of you hired 📁... react 📝 or 📁 which yall prefer!!!

Focus is everything. I updated the discord channels so you can find your teams. Resume review and other stuff are not priority now. Team is.

Please change your names to “first name | track | irl location”

TO FIND A TEAM (if you dont have one) goto to “IRL” folder in your city and find a team or goto “interests” folder and introduce yourselves by sharing skills, passions and fun facts.

Then reach out to 5-10 others... teams have to be made by this FRIDAY for hackers or latest by SUNDAY

Finding teams on your own will be high signal of your prospects in the job market ... if you can reach out your friends or 5-10 others on your own by a deadline your off to a good start to tackle the job market. TEAM SIZE: 3-4. Not less. Not more.

I organized categories into Discussions, IRL, Interests, Resume and HS Review... the choice is very intentional so you can focus on finding teams.

In "review category" there is 🙌 •headstarter-testimonial and 🗑️ •headstarter-roast (vent your negative feedback or make the roast/meme good). We are always open to hear you all.

Is this W move 🚀? Deadlines for project one will be FRIDAY. Those who complete it will get Hackathon Ticket. For the rest... deadline is Sunday. React 🚀 if this accommodates all parties?

For love of god, please find teams. Once you do add them to team roster.

<https://tally.so/r/mRLJQj> If your teams from part-2 are all accepted, great we have you on record. No need to send us any info/fill form. If you have applied but did not hear back, or were rejected but had teammates who got accepted before 7/22 or you are an accepted w a teammate who you want to vouch for : <https://tally.so/r/wbOM67>

\*\*\*please support and HYPE each other. Get into the habit of reacting to posts you see in 🔥 •share-scores or 🤖 •share-online ... your small action might make that persons day SO DO IT!!!

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 26/07/2024 02:13  
hola hola @everyone @Accepted SWE Fellow

We are super excited to announce our latest partnership with Ruby. Ruby has guaranteed paid full time internships for top fellows: no interviews, no leetcode - your fellowship work is your interview!

<https://spendruby.com/>

Ruby is a Y-Combinator backed all-in-one financial platform for e-commerce businesses, including banking, corporate cards, ai audits, analytics, reimbursements, chargeback protection and more. They compete with companies like Brex, Ramp and Mercury.

After completing your fellowship, the top Headstarter fellows will receive an offer by email. Work hard and put in your best effort for a chance to work at a fintech doing some awesome work in the banking space!

Excited? The founders will be joining the Pathways2Tech Event TODAY 8pm ET so make sure you join. RSVP HERE: <https://lu.ma/pathways2tech13>

We will also be joined by Dustin Beadle (Former Director AMD) and Nabeel Alamgir (CEO of Lunchbox), who raised \$100M in funding!

This is an open event, so friends of accepted fellows can also join!!!

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Faizan (Co-Founder) — 26/07/2024 03:57

@Accepted SWE Fellow Projects & Fellowship Q&A starting now:

<https://zoom.us/j/93926811817>

Zoom Video

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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 26/07/2024 08:25

@everyone Meet 3 CEOs who raised \$100M, \$10M, \$1M and who they look to hire

Nabeel Alamgir - CEO of LunchBox, Raised \$100M VC

Logan Havern - CEO of DataLogz, Raised \$12M

Dustin Beadle - Director at Lattice, Ex- Director AMD

Shariar Kabir - CEO of Ruby YC 23, Ex-Salesforce

Miguel Acero - CTO of Ruby YC 23, Ex-Google

Join here: <https://zoom.us/j/97574181804>

Ruby will also be hiring Headstarter fellows soon. They will share more about who they look for in this call.

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — 26/07/2024 11:59

Legends were made tonight @Accepted SWE Fellow @everyone

Faizan (Co-Founder) — Yesterday at 04:03

@Accepted SWE Fellow Q&A happening NOW: <https://zoom.us/j/97574181804>

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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — Yesterday at 04:48

@everyone we are excited to announce this morning @Byefarzy will be joining the Headstarter team as community lead.

Farzy is here to help you learn and give feedback on how to GET 1000 users or \$1000 in revenue by using social media for distribution.

Please welcome farzy in 🚀 • general

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Day 3: QnA and Farzy (3M followers) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiNYI\\_U-ENY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiNYI_U-ENY)

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — Yesterday at 06:18

@Accepted SWE Fellow deadline for project one has been extended to 7pm ET. Also we are fixing the "youtu.be" links. 8pm ET we will do hackathon kick off on zoom. PLEASE FIND YOUR TEAM MATES BY THEN.

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Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — Yesterday at 08:10

@everyone hackathon kickoff happening <https://zoom.us/j/97574181804>

Yasin Ehsan (Co-founder) — Yesterday at 09:45

@everyone hackathon announcements

TLDR of theme, get user adoption, demo etc:

<https://www.loom.com/share/0ea187b6e7cd44cfa602b6221fa94d26>

use hackathon-team-formation if you don't have teams

discord is open for 1hour for any hackathon team mate not in discord

min-2 people teams, doesn't have to be your final project teams, best of luck