Qiskit advocates
About the program

The Qiskit advocate program creates opportunities for enthusiastic and committed Qiskit users to engage in a deeper way with the software and the community that supports it. The program is best suited for students, quantum researchers, software developers, quantum educators, and those looking to upskill and advance their careers in quantum.
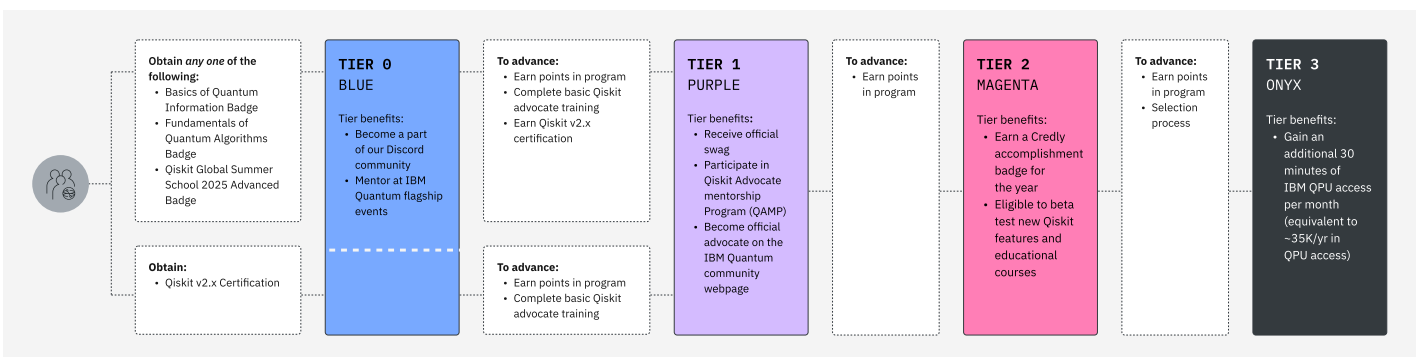
The program now includes a tiered structure. All Qiskit advocates are first admitted into a base tier (tier 0) and have the opportunity to progress to tiers 1, 2, and 3. As an advocate engages with the program, they can earn points and qualify to advance to higher tiers. Each successive tier unlocks greater benefits for the advocate, including greater compute access and networking opportunities like invitations to local Qiskit meet-ups and the Qiskit Advocate Mentorship Program (QAMP).

In order to be eligible to apply to tier 0, you must obtain at least *any one* of the following:

1. Basics of Quantum Information badge
2. Fundamentals of Quantum Algorithms badge
3. Qiskit Global Summer School 2025 Quantum Excellence (Advanced) badge

One of the criteria to be publicly recognized as a Qiskit advocate and advance to tier 1 within the program is that you must obtain the Qiskit v2.X Certification. If you already have this certification prior to applying, you may forgo acquiring any of the above badges.

Apply to become a Qiskit advocate here.

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When do applications open and how do I apply?

You may apply to become a Qiskit advocate at any time. However, applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis at least once per month. You can apply to become a Qiskit advocate [here](#).

I have maxed out the attempts for the exam of one of the IBM Quantum Learning courses. Will I ever be able to reattempt the quiz and earn the badge in order to become a Qiskit advocate?

Yes, you are granted 2 attempts to pass the quiz, and will then need to wait 5 days before trying again. Also, there are other certifications and badges you can earn to be eligible to become a Qiskit advocate - please see the list in the section above.

If I became a Qiskit advocate prior to 2025, am I still an advocate?

Yes, you are still a Qiskit advocate and are entitled to access the program. All existing Qiskit advocates have been admitted to the base (blue) tier and have the opportunity to move up tiers. Please check your email for information on how to access the new program, which was sent out at the time of the program's relaunch in May 2025.

I am a Qiskit advocate but I have lost contact with the program. How do I get back in touch?

If you have lost contact with the program for any reason, such as not having access to your registered email account anymore, you may reach out to update your details and get back into contact with the program [here](#).

What's my Qiskit advocate tier and how many points have I accumulated?

You can check your tier status and points [here](#).

How can I claim points from my activities as a Qiskit advocate?

You will need to fill out the *Claim Points* form provided in the Qiskit advocate library on GitHub, on the Qiskit advocate Discord server, or in the Qiskit advocate program guide.

A list of Qiskit advocates used to be published on this page. Where did that go?

Moving forward, only tier 1+ Qiskit advocates will be published. Being published on the IBM Quantum community webpage is not offered to base (blue) tier

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advocates. Because this program has recently relaunched, not enough time has passed for existing Qiskit advocates to advance tiers.

Can I apply directly to tier 1 and above?

No, all advocates are admitted into tier 0 upon acceptance into the program. Once you're admitted into the program, progression through tiers 1, 2, and 3 works as follows:

- **Tier 1:** To advance from tier 0 to tier 1, you must earn a certain number of points — as specified in the Qiskit advocate program welcome packet — and you must obtain the Qiskit SDK v2.X developer certification and complete the advocate training module.

- **Tier 2:** To progress from tier 1 to tier 2 of the Qiskit advocate program, you must earn a certain number of additional points, as specified in the Qiskit advocate program welcome packet.

- **Tier 3:** To progress from tier 2 to tier 3, you must earn a certain number of additional points and go through a rigorous selection process, also detailed in the program welcome packet.

Once you're within the program, if during a points review you are deemed eligible for a higher tier, you may be directly admitted into the higher tier. However, this is on a specific case by case basis

Where can I ask other questions?

If you're currently not an advocate but are interested in the program, join #qiskit-advocates-application in the Qiskit Slack workspace to ask any other questions about the Qiskit advocate program and the application process. If you are a Qiskit advocate, please ask questions in the advocate-dedicated Discord server or Slack channel.