

The **Linux Foundation Mentorship Program (LFX Mentorship)** is a highly prestigious and technical program designed to help developers contribute to some of the most critical infrastructure in the world, such as **Kubernetes, Hyperledger, Linux Kernel, and RISC-V**.



Annual Schedule (Three Cohorts)

Unlike other programs, LFX runs three times a year, matching the academic seasons:

Term	Application Window	Mentorship Period
Spring	Jan 15 – Feb 15	Mar 1 – May 31
Summer	May 15 – June 15	Jun 1 – Aug 31
Fall	Aug 15 – Sep 15	Sep 1 – Nov 30



Step-by-Step Guide to Applying

1. Create an LFX Profile

Go to the [LFX Mentorship Portal](#) and set up your profile. You will need to link your GitHub, LinkedIn, and provide a resume.

2. Browse "Active" Projects

During the application window, browse the list of available projects. Each project is hosted by a sub-foundation (e.g., CNCF, Hyperledger).

- **Note:** You can apply to a maximum of **3 projects** per term.

3. Review Prerequisites

LFX projects are often more advanced than GSSoC or Hacktoberfest. You will likely need proficiency in languages like **Go, Rust, C++, or Python**, and knowledge of **Cloud Native** concepts (Docker, Containers).

4. Submit Your Application

A complete application typically requires:

- **Resume/CV:** Highlight your open-source contributions.
- **Cover Letter:** Explain why you are interested in *this specific* project and how your skills align.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Some projects require 1-2 references.

The Mentorship Experience

If selected, you will work closely with a maintainer of the project.

- **Duration:** 12 weeks (full-time) or 24 weeks (part-time).
- **Deliverables:** You will be assigned specific features or bug fixes. You are expected to attend weekly syncs and provide progress reports.
- **Evaluation:** You will have mid-term and final evaluations to ensure you are meeting the project goals.

Stipend and Benefits

- **Stipend:** Varies by location (similar to GSoC). It typically ranges from **\$3,000 to \$6,600 USD**.
- **Graduation:** You receive a digital badge and a certificate from the Linux Foundation.
- **Networking:** Many LFX mentees end up being hired by the companies that use or maintain the software they worked on (e.g., Red Hat, Google, Intel).