How to apply for Hacker Lab's Spring 2021 Pathways Program

Thank you for your interest. First, complete the application form at https://hackerlab.org/pathways or read on for more information.

Who to contact with questions:

Please email us at pathways@hackerlab.org to reach our staff if you have any questions about the Pathways scholarship programs.

Overview

Hacker Lab is offering an 8-month Pathways scholarship for self-starter entrepreneurs during the coronavirus pandemic.

Please use this document to learn about the programs, how to apply and who qualifies.

Why apply for these programs

Are you or do you know someone looking to level-up their career opportunities in entrepreneurship, technology or manufacturing? Do you want to start a new business or pivot in times of COVID-19, but need help to do it? Hacker Lab is offering the Pathways scholarship to help people create a new career, start a business, or enter college.

The eight-month Hacker Lab Pathways program supports participants in starting or furthering a business; exploring new fields like IoT and advanced manufacturing; enter higher education; or pivoting during COVID-19. Participants will receive 8 months of Hacker Lab access, granted on a monthly basis to new participants.

This program and others like it at Hacker Lab require active participation, the submission of updates on your progress, and overall engagement with our community to help your success.

Eligibility information for Hacker Lab Career Pathways Program:

To be eligible for the Career Pathways Program, grantees:

- Must live within City of Sacramento limits (check map here)
- Must be over 18 years old
- Must agree to participate in the training course offered
- Agree to the Hacker Lab membership agreement, terms, & conditions
- Earn less than $30,146.50 annually and cannot otherwise afford Hacker Lab membership
- Aspire to work in a new field, start or further a new business, or apply to higher education
- Should be able to participate in relevant Hacker Lab workshops and trainings over an 8 month period

As part of the Career Pathways Program, grantees will receive and participate in:

- Onboarding, mentorship, and check-ins with Hacker Lab staff to ensure participant success
- Occasional surveys to track participation and progress
- Eight months of access to Hacker Lab, a 24/7 maker space and coworking facility. Use this space to develop your pursuits via coworking, conference rooms, computer lab access, and our maker space.
- A community environment with peer networking, mentorship and education, including a program director to meet with participants and facilitate connections to partners.
- Online training and workshops focusing on:
  - IoT (Internet of Things) and technology (if you are interested, please let us know during your application);
  - Rapid Prototyping
  - Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development
  - Career readiness and business skills
- Maker Space access with one-on-one training on equipment including 3D printing, laser cutting, woodworking, CNC, welding, photography, and more.

Last thoughts

Thank you for considering our programs. Please let us know if you have any questions at pathways@hackerlab.org or have applicants apply at hackerlab.org/pathways.