



# Hacker Lab

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# Hacker Lab Pathways 2022: Applicant and Program Information Packet

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# Goals of the Pathways Program

Hacker Lab's Pathways scholarship began in 2018 as a means to provide Hacker Lab equipment, resources, community, and education to people who may not otherwise be able to afford access. Since then, over 100 participants have utilized Pathways to explore new fields, launch small businesses, attain higher education, create prototypes, sell products, improve career skills, and more.

Our goal is to strengthen the Sacramento Region's workforce and economic resiliency by providing resources to help:

1. **Discover and advance your career** - With access to specialized equipment and classes covering how to use it you can augment your skills in topics ranging from technology to manufacturing and beyond.
2. **Start or grow a business** - Access resources including coworking, maker space equipment, and business advisers through related Hacker Lab programs like Maker-to-Market and SBDC-sponsored consulting.
3. **Build your community support network** - Build relationships with your peers and fellow creatives, entrepreneurs, and freelancers to gain support and friendships during your journey.

Applicants should want to measurably change their lives by entering a new field, starting or furthering a new business or entering higher education; be eager to share updates with us in surveys; and be an engaged member of our Pathways community.

Ideal applicants want to improve upon one or more of the above points, and should be:

- **Self-motivated and committed** to taking advantage of Hacker Lab's existing programs and offerings through classes & active use of the space and resources.
- Willing to take the time to compile a complete, **compelling application** - we want to get a sense of who you are and what you'd like to accomplish.
- **Has concrete goals** that they are hoping to accomplish during their time at Hacker Lab.

# Requirements & Who Qualifies

Pathways is designed to provide an avenue towards Hacker Lab membership to those who could not otherwise join our community. To accomplish this, we have a few basic requirements to determine eligibility:

- Applicants must live in the greater Sacramento region.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Have a household income less than \$48,350 annually and cannot otherwise afford Hacker Lab membership.
- Agree to abide by Hacker Lab's terms, conditions, and policies, detailed here: <https://hackerlab.org/en/termsandconditions>.
- Be able to actively participate in and take advantage of Hacker Lab access during the 8 month term of membership.
- Be in regular contact with Hacker Lab through occasional surveys and other communications (email, etc.).

Things to note:

- All Sacramento-area applicants are welcome to apply, but priority may be given to those residing in SMUD designated Sustainable Communities Resource Priority Zones (you can check your address here: <https://usage.smud.org/SustainableCommunities/>)
- This Pathways cohort has a limited number of spots open, so applications may be competitive.
- Priority will be given to those who are new to Hacker Lab; however, previous program participants and Hacker Lab members may still apply.

# What this Program Provides

Those admitted to the Pathways program will receive **8 months of Hacker Lab membership** and **\$235 in class credits**, applicable towards any Hacker Lab class (at the discounted member rate).

Participants get access to all the Hacker Lab community has to offer, including:

- Over **7000 sq ft** of **Makerspace** filled with advanced manufacturing tech and traditional shop equipment.
- **Classes** at discounted member rates covering programming, jewelry making, 3D modeling, CNC operation, and much more.
- An entry point to other Hacker Lab programs including **Maker-to-Market**, our initiative aimed at helping makers market & sell their wares locally.
- **24/7 Coworking** and **meeting** spaces.
- Unique networking opportunities through the diverse range of people in our community.

This is an opportunity to use our space and resources to explore rapid prototyping, entrepreneurship, new fields, education goals, and more.

This is our 4th cohort of the Pathways program. Past participants of this & similar Hacker Lab programs have gone on to start new careers, create new businesses, increase their annual revenue, and level up their skills.



# How to Apply & Timeline

To apply, please visit [hackerlab.org/pathways](https://hackerlab.org/pathways), and look for the application link at the bottom of the page (alternatively [click here to access the form directly.](#))

Our timeline for the start of the program is as follows:

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| May 6th 2022           | - Applications open                                  |
| May 22nd 2022, 11:59pm | - Applications close                                 |
| June 1st 2022          | - Participants notified if selected                  |
| June 7th 2022, 6:30pm  | - Onboarding for accepted participants at Hacker Lab |

## Contact Info

If you have any questions prior to or after applying, please reach out to [pathways@hackerlab.org](mailto:pathways@hackerlab.org) and we will respond shortly.

Additionally, if you would like to share this opportunity with others please link them to <https://hackerlab.org/pathways> for information.

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