

# How to apply for Hacker Lab's Fall-Winter 2020-2021 CARES and Pathways Programs

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

Based on your responses, a Hacker Lab team member will reach out to you if you are eligible to participate in either the CARES program or the Pathways scholarship program with next steps for enrollment. See below for details on how each program works.

## Who to contact with questions:

Please email us at [pathways@hackerlab.org](mailto:pathways@hackerlab.org) to reach our staff if you have any questions about the CARES or Pathways scholarship programs.

## Overview

Hacker Lab is offering two scholarships this fall: A two-month, directed CARES Act-focused program focused on PPE education with a \$1,000 stipend; and 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 running two no-cost programs to help people create a new career, start a business, or enter college, and to make our space available to those who need it most.

Both of these programs use the same application available at [hackerlab.org/pathways](https://hackerlab.org/pathways). Hacker Lab staff will reach out to participants based on their answers.

The two-month Hacker Lab CARES program will teach participants to create and prototype personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as entrepreneurship skills in a two-month program. Participants will receive a \$1,000 stipend for engaged participants and 2 months of Hacker Lab access.

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.

Both programs 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 CARES Program:

### To be eligible for the CARES Program, grantees must meet the following criteria:

- 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, including approximately 20 hours of training as well as additional workshops and in-person sessions;
- Agree to the Hacker Lab membership agreement, [terms, & conditions](#)
- Has become unemployed or underemployed as a direct result of COVID-19 **or** had their educational or training program discontinued, disrupted, or impacted in some way as a result of COVID-19, and willing to sign a statement certifying this
  - Underemployment includes reductions in hours or wages, and loss of independent contract work
  - Disrupted educational or training programs include in-person classes cancelled or moved fully online
  - To be eligible, all disruptions to employment or education must be a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Must be able to commit enough time between now and December 31, 2020 to complete all training program requirements

### To participate in the CARES Program and to be eligible for a \$1000 stipend, all grantees must complete the following training hours before December 31, 2020. All training and workshops will be provided by Hacker Lab:

- 20 hours of training in PPE product innovation
- 10 hours per month (20 hours total) in online workshops and webinars
- 6 hours in-person training on Hacker Lab equipment

### As part of the CARES Program, all grantees will receive and participate in:

- \$1000 stipend paid out upon successful completion of all program requirements
- Onboarding, mentorship, and check-ins with Hacker Lab staff to ensure participant success
- Occasional surveys to track participation and progress
- A mix of online and in-person trainings on the following:
  - PPE product innovation
  - Rapid prototyping and manufacturing equipment, such as 3D Printing and Laser Cutting
  - Career readiness and business skills
- Two 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

## 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)
  - 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](mailto:pathways@hackerlab.org) or have applicants apply at [hackerlab.org/pathways](https://hackerlab.org/pathways).