



# Fellowship Grant Program Application Guide

**Application deadline:  
June 15th, 2026**

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A comprehensive guide to applying for the Interledger Foundation Fellows. The Applicant Guide provides prospective applicants with resources and information on submitting applications for this program in the 2026 grant cycle.

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# Introduction

## About the Interledger Foundation

The [Interledger Foundation](#) is a global nonprofit foundation and steward of the [Interledger Protocol \(ILP\)](#) and [Open Standards](#). We advocate for adopting open, interoperable payment solutions while supporting organizations that want to build on Interledger and maintain a robust open-source community.

We aim to increase access to digital financial services for the 1.4 billion people worldwide who are currently excluded from traditional banking systems. We do this by making it easier to send money to anyone, anywhere. When Interledger powers payments, transactions are not limited to a particular bank, mobile money provider, or location.

The Foundation supports research, education, and innovation that enable individuals and communities to access financial services regardless of geography, income level, or existing banking infrastructure. A core technology supported by the Foundation is the Interledger Protocol, which allows payments to move across different financial systems in a manner similar to how data travels across the internet.

## Mission

We aim to build equity and inclusion within Interledger, the global payments network for inclusive digital financial service providers.

We work with entrepreneurs, organizations, and government agencies to research, prototype, and implement Open Standards solutions aligned with our mission. We actively support underrepresented groups and vulnerable populations in advancing digital financial inclusion, thereby driving progress towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## Vision

In the same way that the internet has eased the sharing of information across the world, Interledger applies similar principles to ease the flow of payments across the web through packets. It's a secure and fast way for anyone, anywhere, to send or receive payments, and one of its best features is that it can be in any currency. This supports our vision for a world where anyone can send a payment as easily as an email.

We work with partners worldwide who share our vision to change how digital financial services work to improve people's lives. Our global strategy for change is:

- Support the development of digital financial systems in vulnerable areas.

- Fund innovative solutions geared toward serving underrepresented populations.
- Foster an ecosystem that supports a paradigm shift in payment systems.
- Create a robust and active Interledger community that grows together.
- Enrich talent pipelines to bring new voices and perspectives into the fintech space.

## Values

We are a value-based organization operating on the following principles:

- *Be Open:* Our technology is always open, accessible, and shared with the global community.
- *Be Inclusive:* We bring new voices into the tech ecosystem, working with underrepresented groups and vulnerable populations.
- *Be Innovative:* Through fresh perspectives and creative thought partnerships, we intend to shake up the status quo.

To learn more about the Interledger Foundation, visit our [website](#) and/or preview our [presentation](#) on how our work seeks to revolutionize digital payments.

## About the Interledger Foundation Programs

The Interledger Foundation Program Department designs and manages programs that advance the Interledger Foundation's mission and the adoption of ILP through community-led, innovative projects. At the Interledger Foundation, we believe that the best solutions come from within the communities they serve. That's why we fund grassroots organizations directly and support entire governments in creating open payment solutions.

The Program Department manages competitive grants, funded partnerships, and community activations. All to build sustainable equity in technology and the global financial ecosystem. The Program Department has various grant programs targeting individuals (developers, entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders in open tech) and organizations (NGOs, Nonprofits, Companies, Governments, Universities, and other collectives). We support innovative ideas focused on [digital financial services](#), university-level [youth education and engagement](#), and the deliberate pursuit of systemic change for financially excluded communities through [Fellowship engagement](#).

To get an overview of the varying programs we have on stream, please visit our grants portfolio on our [website](#).

## About the Program

The Interledger Fellowship Program, now in its inaugural year, is the evolution of the Interledger Foundation's (ILF) Ambassadorship program, which ran from 2020 to 2025. The Ambassadorship program was established to mobilize global communities in support of the ILF's vision for a more equitable, creative, digital, and inclusive global society.

The current Fellowship program seeks to engage qualified individuals working within or at the intersection of Digital Financial Access. We expect the Interledger Foundation Fellows to draw on their passions, expertise, skills, interests, values, and networks to contribute to the advancement of Open Payment Standards by researching new pathways, developing and implementing (open-source) technologies, activating communities, promoting accessibility, and envisioning artistic products.

### **The Fellows projects will expand our ecosystem, reduce disparities, and fortify collective impact.**

The program continues to aim to identify, activate, and empower individuals to support communities that have been—and continue to be—systematically excluded from financial access, opportunities for empowerment, and technological advances.

Are you considering applying to become an Interledger Fellow? Reflect on your passion within your field and how your unique blend of skills, interests, values, and networks can pave the way for Digital financial access. We extend our invitation to researchers, developers, Open-source contributors, entrepreneurs, educators, policy regulators, open-standards practitioners, digital and financial rights advocates, journalists, creators, and artists.

Fellowship projects vary in approach but share a common orientation toward open standards, access, inclusion, and systemic change.

Projects may span one or more of the following areas:

**Systemic and International Impact:** Addressing barriers to digital financial access at the level of policy, regulation, or cross-border infrastructure. This includes work with multi-jurisdictional scope or projects engaging underserved populations facing structural exclusion.

**Ecosystem and Community Connection:** Serving as a bridge between web advocates, open standards practitioners, and digital rights communities on one side, and the Interledger ecosystem on the other. This includes surfacing and connecting community-developed solutions to wider networks and resources.

**Innovation and Tool Development:** Designing, building, or deploying digital financial access tools for underserved populations. This may include work on micro-payments, cross-border remittance, local currency exchange, or exploratory projects in areas overlooked by mainstream fintech.

**Technology Stewardship and Knowledge Sharing:** Contributing to the protocols, specifications, and standards that underpin open payment technology. This also encompasses original research, technical documentation, and publications that advance shared understanding among developers, policymakers, and academics.

These areas are not mutually exclusive. Many projects span multiple categories, and applicants should describe their work in terms that reflect its actual scope.

The Interledger Fellowship program is a cornerstone initiative designed to foster a global community of visionary leaders and technical experts. The program actively seeks to engage exceptional individuals—referred to as "Fellows"—who not only share our profound vision for universal digital financial access but are also deeply committed to making a tangible, systemic difference. Successful candidates must demonstrate a strong alignment with our core values of openness, inclusion, and technological stewardship.

The Interledger Foundation will select applicants based on their expertise, merit, and the originality and alignment of their proposal with the Foundation's strategy and [mission](#).

## Program Objectives

The goal of the Fellowship Program is to seek individuals who can commit to twelve months of research, development, community cultivation, and support. Furthermore, Fellows are expected to:

- Develop and implement their proposed scope of work in alignment with the Foundation's theory of change
- Represent the Interledger Foundation within the wider ecosystem and in correspondence with their own fields
- Comply with the Foundation's participation guidelines

- Attend Foundation-organized events, including weekly check-ins, community calls, and conferences
- Share discoveries through blog posts on the Community Forum and presentations during community engagements
- Meet regularly with the program team to discuss progress, developments, and any obstacles

## Intended Audience

The Fellowship is designed for established practitioners with demonstrated expertise in their fields. The program welcomes applications from:

- Researchers conducting work on digital payments, financial systems, or related policy
- Developers and open-source contributors building payment infrastructure or financial tools
- Entrepreneurs creating solutions for underserved financial markets
- Educators developing curricula or training programs on digital finance
- Policy specialists and regulators working on payment systems governance
- Digital rights advocates focused on financial access and inclusion
- Artists and creators exploring the intersection of finance and creative practice

Applicants should have a track record in their field and the capacity to commit to a 12-month, 32-hour-per-week engagement. The program is global, with restrictions only for countries under US sanctions.

## Funding Focus

For the 2026 grant cycle, the Fellowship prioritizes proposals that:

- Advance open payment standards and interoperability across financial systems
- Address systemic barriers to financial access for underserved populations
- Strengthen connections between the Interledger ecosystem and adjacent communities (open web, digital rights, fintech)

- Produce reusable tools, research, or documentation that benefits the broader ecosystem
- Center the perspectives and needs of communities excluded from mainstream financial services

The Foundation does not fund proposals that primarily serve as seed capital for platforms or commercial ventures. Fellowship projects should have a clear public benefit and alignment with open standards principles.

## Proposal Submission Information

### Application Platform

ILF uses Submittable as the online application system for our Grant Program. All applications must be submitted through the ILF-provided portal. Applications submitted by any other means will not be accepted or evaluated.

### Technical Support

If you encounter any issues with the platform and need technical support, please contact the [Submittable Help Desk](#).

### How to Apply

To apply for the Fellowship program, applicants must create an account on [Submittable](#). Once you have registered your account, you will be able to find the [open grant opportunities](#) provided by the Interledger Foundation. The applicant's responses and documentation will be included in the dossier for review. Ensure that your proposal is accurate; otherwise, it could be removed from consideration.

## Selection criteria

A panel comprising Interledger Staff, former participants of the Ambassadors grant program, organizational partners, and other experts in relevant fields will review the applications. For further information about our review process, please refer to the [Application Assessment & Review](#).

- **Applicant Merit: Applicants** have well-defined personalities, requisite skills, training, and/or experience to produce the specified proposal in alignment with their expertise.
- **Project Applicability and Viability:** The applicant presented a clear rationale for their proposal, with specific goals and outcomes to be attained under this grant opportunity. The Fellows demonstrated knowledge of the open payments system and the principles of equitable digital financial access.
- **Potential for Impact:** Robust and culturally appropriate plans to reach a target audience through the proposed project. The proposed project can further efforts to expand digital financial access for a large demographic group.
- **Realistic Budget and Timelines:** The budget & timelines are detailed, clear, and feasible for project execution.
- **Feedback:** A summary of the Judge's feedback on the submission.

## Key Elements Grant Cycle

### Funding available

The Fellowship grant program provides a USD 72,000 stipend and a USD 20,000 project budget. Unless stated otherwise, the Fellows grant cycle is a 12-month timeframe.

### Minimum and maximum grant request amounts

The amount per 12-month grant cycle remains the same in response to the proposal.

## Maximum project duration

**The applicant may request a no-cost extension** to extend the duration of their grant request. Please note that, if approved, your No-cost extension requests will be limited to 6 months beyond your original project end date. The Program Team may also request that you complete a **scope change** and/or **budget reallocation form**, depending on why you are requesting a time extension. Final reporting will be due within 30 days of this revised date.

## Project start date

The key grant cycles of the fellowship grant are;

- Application open: April 1st, 2026
- Application Close: June 15th, 2026
- Rolling review; Early submissions are encouraged.
- Starting Date: September 1st, 2026

Fellowships are generally expected to begin in the same year the proposal is accepted, according to the Key grant cycle dates. However, the actual project start date may be adjusted based on the approval timeline, the applicant's schedule, and existing commitments.

## Number of grants funded per applicant

**Applicants are only awarded funding for one grant.** They are not eligible to receive multiple grants in one grant cycle, either as the primary applicant or as a collaborator. If Applicants have applied for different grant rounds within a single grant cycle, we request that their applications detail their funding preferences.

## Admissibility and Eligibility

### Application Admissibility

Applications Must:

- Be submitted through the Submittable, our online application platform
- Be submitted by the deadline ( June 15, 2026)
- Be submitted in English (EN)
- Include all required elements per the due diligence checklist instructions.
- Request a grant of \$72,000 USD and a project budget of a Maximum of \$ 20,000 USD
- Propose a project duration of 12 months

### Applicant Eligibility

All eligible applicants must:

- Support ILF's compliance with relevant U.S. laws, rules, and regulations
  - ◆ ILF must comply with the economic and trade sanctions program administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. These sanctions have been imposed on specific countries, individuals, and entities that appear on OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (the "SDN List").
- ◆ ILF is prohibited from providing most goods or services to residents of sanctioned countries or their governmental entities or to SDNs without an applicable U.S. government authorization or exemption.
- Have no conflicts of interest
- Meet due diligence requirements.
- ◆ All applicants need to provide their full legal name.
- ◆ All Applicants must be 18 years and older when applying for the Fellowship grant
- ◆ All applicants are not allowed to participate in another grant cycle.

- ◆ All applicants must agree to the [participation guidelines](#).
- Have a bank account in the applicant's full legal name and accepting funds from a US non-profit 501(c)(3) entity.

## Written Proposal Requirements

In the grant application, the written proposal is the primary section in which applicants present their Fellowship concept and demonstrate their capacity to carry out the proposed work. The proposal is submitted via the Submittable platform, along with the required supporting documents (CV, letters of reference, timeline, and budget).

### Proposal Structure

The written proposal consists of several distinct sections, each with a specified word limit. Applicants should address all required sections fully; incomplete proposals will not advance to review.

The proposal is organized into the following components:

#### Background and Expertise

This section establishes who you are and why you are positioned to undertake this Fellowship. You will be asked to describe your professional background, current activities, and motivations. You will also explain how your expertise relates to digital financial access and the Interledger ecosystem, including the communities you engage with and how the Fellowship aligns with your professional trajectory.

#### Project Title and Overview

Provide a title and a comprehensive overview of your proposal. The overview should convey what you will do during the 12-month Fellowship, why this work matters, who will benefit, how it builds on your expertise, and how it connects to the Interledger ecosystem.

## Goals, Objectives, and Approach

This section focuses on methodology and feasibility. You should articulate specific objectives achievable within 12 months, describe your approach and methods, assess the feasibility of your goals, identify the infrastructure and resources available to you, and outline expected outcomes.

## Community Engagement and Interledger Integration

Explain how your work will engage communities with the Interledger ecosystem, support experimentation and adoption of Open Payment Standards, and prepare community members for participation in Interledger Foundation programs and funding opportunities.

## Impact and Success Metrics

Describe your anticipated impact and how you will measure success. We expect you to address the concrete, measurable changes you expect to achieve through your Fellowship, define specific metrics for tracking progress, discuss any policy relevance, and explain how the work will continue to benefit communities after the Fellowship concludes.

## Key Questions and Inquiry

Every Fellowship involves exploration and learning. In this section, we expect you to identify the questions your work will investigate, whether research-based, practice-based, or community-driven. Describe how you will approach these questions, what you expect to learn, and how you will share your findings with the community and the Foundation.

## General Guidance

- Write clearly and concisely. Reviewers assess proposals based on content and clarity, not language proficiency.
- Ensure consistency between your written proposal and your timeline and budget documents. Reviewers will assess whether your activities, timeframes, and resource allocations align.
- Reference your supporting documents (CV, letters of reference, portfolio) where relevant, so reviewers understand how these materials connect to your proposal.

## Required Documents for Submission

### Required documents

In addition to the written proposal, we expect applicants to submit the following documents.

Applications missing the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be part of the review process.

### Timeline Template

We expect applicants to submit a project timeline as part of their application. The project timeline is intended to provide a detailed work plan that outlines anticipated activities. It should outline the project's key KPIs, milestones, and deliverables required to implement the project, and specify when they are planned for the 12-month fellowship. You may review the timeline template [here](#).

#### **What to Include**

The timeline should specify:

- Key activities and tasks required to implement the project
- The expected timing for each activity (by month or quarter)
- Milestones that mark significant progress points
- Deliverables and outputs associated with each phase
- Dependencies between activities, where applicable

### Alignment with Proposal

The timeline should correspond directly to the goals, approach, and key performance indicators described in the written proposal. Reviewers will assess whether the proposed activities are realistic given the 12-month fellowship period and the applicant's stated capacity.

## Spending Allotment

Every individual Interledger Fellow will receive a USD 20,000 project budget. Therefore, in the grant application, we require applicants to specify these needs in the Budget Template.

The online application will include a Budget and Timeline template. Please include your spending allotment in this template. The template is to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded with the submission. You may review the budget template [here](#).

Applicants should provide the budget for each cost category, if applicable, and a description of those expenses in the application. Kindly note that the descriptions for each line item are very critical. Templates not completed will be deemed Incomplete.

Kindly note that the Interledger Foundation reporting currency is U.S. dollars. To limit financial risk through transactions and exchanges, the Interledger Foundation requests that all budgets be submitted in U.S. dollars. For the submitted proposal, the budget categories currently approved for spending of the allotment include:

Events:

Sponsorship of in-person and virtual engagements to strengthen the Interledger ecosystem, expand reach, foster collaboration, and promote knowledge sharing.

- Eligible: Venue rental, catering, speaker honorariums, Fellow travel and lodging, marketing materials, event equipment, and software
- Not eligible: Alcohol, luxury venues, unrelated social events

Books, Toolkits, and Research:

Sector-specific research and frameworks that enhance proposal efforts.

- Eligible: Academic paper access, industry publications, compliance handbooks, regulatory database access, translation and accessibility services
- Not eligible: General magazines, unrelated subscriptions

### Microgrants and Pilot Projects:

Minor financial support for communities the Fellow interacts with, or in support of their proposal.

- Eligible: Field research expenses, software tools and licenses, materials, user testing compensation, prototype development, small-scale pilots
- Not eligible: Personal projects, large-scale grants, unrelated business expenses

### Professional Services and Skill Development:

Access to specialized knowledge and skills relevant to the proposal.

- Eligible: Expert consultation (legal, compliance, technical), grant writing support, specialized training, mentorship, and coaching
- Not eligible: Personal coaching unrelated to proposal, ongoing staff salaries

### Conferences and Seminars:

Participation in events to showcase research or projects and build relationships.

- Eligible: Registration fees, economy airfare/train/bus, ground transport, standard hotels, visa fees, travel insurance
- Not eligible: First-class upgrades (unless pre-approved), personal sightseeing

### Tools and Equipment:

Hardware required for proposal-related work. Equipment is approved as a loan for the duration of the Fellowship.

- Eligible: High-performance laptop or desktop for demanding computational tasks (machine learning, blockchain development)
- Not eligible: General-purpose laptops, tablets, smartphones, accessories, cloud hosting, domain names, office furniture

Note: Equipment must be used solely for Fellowship tasks, maintained in good condition, and returned at the end of the Fellowship. Fellows may have the option to purchase equipment at the remaining market value.

## Marketing and Awareness:

Promotion of the Fellow, their project, and Interledger.

- Eligible: Video production, content development (with pre-approval), ILF merchandise (ordered through ILF team)
- Not eligible: Paid social media ads, non-approved graphic design, personal brand promotion

## What the Working Budget Does Not Cover

- Flight upgrades (unless pre-approved)
- Childcare support
- Health insurance or emergency support
- Honorariums for completed project milestones
- Accounting costs, bank fees, transfer costs, and currency conversion losses

## Curriculum Vitae or Resume

Applicants must submit a current two-page CV or resume in PDF format. The document should summarize relevant experience, education, skills, and accomplishments that demonstrate the applicant's capacity to complete the proposed project.

There is no required format, but applicants should ensure the document is clear and readable.

## Letters of Reference

Applicants are required to submit two letters of reference with their application. These references should be provided by individuals who can attest to your qualifications, character, and capacity to complete the proposed work. Suitable references include supervisors, colleagues, collaborators, mentors, or community partners. Please select references whose experience is relevant to your application. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

## Portfolio or Work Samples (Optional)

Applicants may submit a portfolio or work samples to supplement their application. This is optional and not required for consideration. Work samples might include publications, reports, project documentation, media coverage, creative work, or other materials that demonstrate relevant experience or expertise. Submissions

should be in PDF format. Applicants who include a portfolio should reference it in their written proposal, so reviewers understand its relevance to the application.

## Application Assessment & Review

### Review Process

The proposals are being reviewed based on the applicant's experience, motivation, and strategic relevance, impact, and technical merit. The objective of each proposal should be to advance digital financial access and open standards.

Before submitting your proposal, please remember that for your proposal to be eligible for review;

- All applications need to be submitted through our application platform, [Submittable](#)
- The submitted application must be complete; an incomplete application will not be reviewed by our commission.
- Your application must be submitted in English. However, applicants are not judged on the quality of the language but on the strength of the submitted proposal.

Reviewing for the Fellowship grant will be done with one review process, consisting of the following rounds:

#### Phase 1: Proposal Submission

**Initial Review:** The program team will review the submissions to ensure all requisite documentation has been provided. At this phase, the program team may reach out to the applicant to address any concerns identified in the initial review.

*Note: The program team may also remove any submission it believes does not align with the tenets of the Fellowship grant program from consideration.*

#### Phase 2: Interview

Applicants who successfully complete the first phase will receive an invitation to schedule an interview in the last week of June.

## Decision Round

The Interledger Foundation will review the projects the judges recommended for funding and make the final decision on the grant awards for those projects. The Panel will include the following characteristics and workflow, which will depend on the number of applications received;

- The reviewers will assess and score each submission using the scoring rubric provided by the Interledger Foundation program team.
- The cohort of reviewers will gather to discuss scores and feedback on submissions and recommend a shortlist of applications deemed worthy of continuing the process.

## Process for Funding Decisions and Final Slate of Grant Awards

The Interledger Foundation will evaluate the projects recommended for funding by the judges and decide on the grant award.

- The successful applicants will then be notified and moved on to the next stage of the grant agreement, which includes contracting and onboarding.
- Applicants not chosen for the final grant awards will be informed via email. If requested, they will receive specific feedback on why their application was not selected for the final round.

## Review Committee

The Fellowship grant review committee comprises internal and external judges, including employees of the Interledger Foundation and other members of the broader ecosystem. The cohort composition is expected to include a diverse group of open-source, technical subject-matter experts aligned with the Interledger Foundation's themes and work areas.

## Assessment Rubric

Reviewers receive an assessment rubric. The key areas the reviewers are required to focus on during the assessment of the applications are;

- **Viability of the proposed Application: The proposed Fellowship plan is well-defined**, with a clear rationale for funding. The Fellows will likely meet their proposed goals.

- **Community and familiarity with the Interledger Protocol** - Demonstrated experience and knowledge of Interledger Foundation, Open Payments, Interledger protocol, and the ability to increase knowledge about digital financial access in their respective communities.
- **Potential for Impact: The proposal should include robust, culturally appropriate plans to engage the target audience.** The suggested project should have the potential to drive participation in digital financial services and advance digital financial access.
- **Realistic timelines & budget** - The budget & timelines are detailed, clear, and feasible to implement the project.
- **Diversity, equity, and inclusion:** The proposed initiative promotes these values.  
Timeline Preparation

## Communication With Applicants Before Submission

The Interledger Foundation's program team is available to provide support and guidance throughout the grant process. We offer several ways for people to contact us. Here's a list of how and where you can reach us, depending on the nature of the support you seek.

<a href="#">Interledger Slack</a>	Our general community comprises members of the Interledger Ecosystem, for non-grant-related questions.
ILF Program Team	You may reach us directly at <a href="mailto:programteam@interledger.org">programteam@interledger.org</a> for questions or concerns about the grant programs.

## Communication With Applicants After Submission

Applicants are expected to maintain and update their contact information in the grant management system (Submittable) or to notify the Interledger Foundation Program team in writing via email ([programteam@interledger.org](mailto:programteam@interledger.org)) of any changes. The primary contact is the applicant listed for the application. The applicant may be contacted by the Interledger Foundation Program team during any stage of the review process.

Applicants can provide additional, missing, or incomplete information only when specified and contacted directly by the ILF team. No other part of a submitted application package may be modified after the application deadline.

Applicants may be contacted for, though not limited to, the following matters:

- Clarification or documentation requests regarding admissibility and eligibility information.
- Information queries from Judges' panel members will be coordinated through the Interledger Foundation program team.
- Notifications of grant award decisions.
- If awarded, instructions on completing the grant agreement.
- To provide additional due diligence documentation or information related to conflicts of interest disclosures and/or reputational and background checks.

Any request by the Interledger Foundation program team will be communicated via the grants management system (Submittable) and will outline the specific information or documentation requested, the instructions for submitting the response, and a due date. Failure to respond by the due date may result in the application being removed from further consideration.

Please note that any requests for information do not imply an application will be funded.

## Grant Award Distribution

Upon notification of a successful application, a grant agreement will be executed with the applicant, outlining the grant terms, including but not limited to the project start and end dates, reporting requirements, and the payment schedule. All funding will be paid in twelve monthly installments to monitor the implementation of funded projects. The first payment will be disbursed upon signing the agreement.

## Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation

### Reporting & Monitoring

Successful applicants who are awarded grants will be expected to complete progress/interim reports (as specified in the grant agreement) throughout the grant period. These reports will include narrative questions and KPI data on project progress, as well as a financial report detailing expenditures to date. A final report will also be due after the project's end date and should detail the achievement of goals and objectives, as well as the project's final expenditures.

Projects may be subject to additional monitoring activities, such as virtual check-ins to verify and document reported project updates. Grantees may also be invited to participate in Interledger Foundation-related activities to showcase their projects. These may be sprint check-ins, community calls, and other events convened by the Interledger Foundation program and/or tech teams.

### Evaluation

Grantees may also be subject to periodic reviews and evaluations. This may include surveys; participation in virtual or in-person meetings and interviews with The Interledger Foundation staff; or other activities that require data collection related to implementation of the project and use of grant funds.

#### **The success of the Fellowship Program will be tracked and measured as follows;**

The performance of each Fellow will be assessed based on their submitted project proposal and performance indicators.

- The conclusion of the proposed research focuses on the broader ecosystem and its potential impact on our community.
- The accomplishment of their proposed grant obligations, including KPIs and other metrics.
- Meetups, community events, and Zoom meetings facilitated by the Fellow.
- Participation in the broader Interledger ecosystem through direct engagement by the Fellows
- The accomplishment of their proposed grant obligations, including KPIs and other metrics.

→ The fulfillment of the proposed tools and technology.

## **Personal Data Protection**

At the Interledger Foundation, we are committed to protecting privacy and ensuring the confidentiality of personal information. Throughout grant administration, the Interledger Foundation will adhere to data protection principles, ensuring clear and transparent data collection and retention practices. Our application processes are streamlined to request only the essential information for a thorough assessment. Any data for public disclosure will be explicitly identified (i.e., project summary or description).

# Interledger Resources

## About Interledger Foundation

- Website - <https://interledger.org/>
- Monthly Community Calls - [archive here](#)
- Interledger Foundation Presentation [here](#)
- Join the Interledger Slack community [here](#)
- [ILF Participation Guidelines](#)
- ILF Community Forum [here](#)

## ILP Technology

- Interledger Protocol - <https://interledger.org/developers/rfcs/interledger-protocol/>
- Developer's Portal - <https://interledger.org/developers/>
- Engineers Blogs - <https://interledger.org/developers/blog/>

## Open Payments

- [Introduction to Open Payments YouTube playlist](#)
- [OP Hackathons Course Guide](#)
- Learn about the Open Payments API - <https://openpayments.dev/introduction/overview/>
- Open Payments Github - <https://github.com/interledger/open-payments>
- Code snippet guide for using the Open Payments API - <https://openpayments.dev/snippets/before-you-begin/>
- Test Boutique OP implementation - <https://boutique.interledger-test.dev/products>
- Interledger Pay OP implementation - <https://boutique.interledger-test.dev/products>

## Wallets (Interledger-compatible / Open Payments-enabled)

- Interledger Wallet - <https://interledger.app/login>

## Rafiki

- What is Rafiki - <https://rafiki.dev/introduction/overview/>
- Rafiki Github - <https://github.com/interledger/rafiki>
- Setup a Rafiki developer environment - <https://github.com/interledger/rafiki/blob/main/README.md#local-development-environment>
- Join the #rafiki channel on the Interledger community Slack - see "[Join the Interledger Slack](#)"

[community](#)”

- Set up a local playground with 2 connected test Rafiki nodes - <https://rafiki.dev/playground/overview/>

### Interledger test wallet

- The [Interledger test wallet](#) is an ILP-enabled test wallet provider that developers can use to test their Open Payments integrations.
  - Sign up for a test digital wallet and get a wallet address at <https://wallet.interledger-test.dev/>

### Hackathon Resources

- Hackathons Brochure: Interledger Hackathons.pdf
- Website: [Hackathon Resources](#)
- [Presentation slides](#) (*template design gets updated for each event*)
- 2025 Interledger Student Hackathon, Mexico [Interledger Student Hackathon - 2025, OAXACA](#)

### Interledger-NextGen Higher Education Grantees

- [University of Cape Town](#) (South Africa)
- [Bowie State University](#) (United States)
- [The Hague University of Applied Sciences](#) (The Netherlands)
- [United States International University of Africa](#) (Kenya)
- Alabama A & M (United States)
- Benedict College (United States)
- Western Sydney University (Australia)
- Covenant University (Nigeria)

Education partnership with Atlanta University Center Consortium (United States)

### Digital Money Blog

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platforms)

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  - Watch episodes of **Off the Ledger podcast** -  
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- [2024 Summit - Talks & Presentations Playlist](#) (South Africa)
- [2023 Summit - Talks & Presentations Playlist](#) (Costa Rica)
- [2022 Summit - Talks & Presentations Playlist](#) (United States)