

GSoC 2021 Accepted Student Email Archive

Sent 8/20 8pm to all students

Subject: **Deadline to submit your GSoC Final evaluation is Monday before 1800 UTC**

Just a friendly reminder to be sure to submit your GSoC Final Evaluation and Work Product URL before the Monday, August 23 18:00 UTC deadline on your GSoC [dashboard](#) if you haven't already. So far about 30% of students have submitted their evals with their work product URL.

You are almost done with GSoC but to successfully complete the program you must submit your Final Evaluation and Work Product URL following your mentor's instructions (if they gave you specific instructions) and the [Work Product Submission Guidelines](#).

We realize you are probably still putting the final touches on your work which is fine, but please don't wait until the last few hours to submit all of your work. You've worked very hard for the past 3 months, please don't miss this deadline and receive an automatic fail because your internet goes down, your computer breaks, you get sick, etc. over the last few days of the program.

Important Upcoming Deadlines

August 23 18:00 UTC: Deadline to submit your code and your evaluation of your mentor. Do not wait until the last minute to submit, if you miss the deadline your project will be failed. *Be sure to communicate with your mentor* as they will likely require you to merge your code sooner than this deadline so they can evaluate your work.

Mentor evaluations of students begin August 23. All work must be submitted before August 23 at 18:00 UTC. Anything submitted after that will not be considered in your mentor's evaluation of your work.

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Important Links

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Best,
Stephanie

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Sent 8/16/21 10pm PDT to all Students

Final Code Submission and Evaluations now open (due Monday, Aug 23 before 1800 UTC)

You've made it to the final stretch of GSoC 2021, congratulations! You are in the final days of your GSoC 2021 experience, great job! You've spent the last 10 weeks working on your project and now it's time to wrap it all together for final review from your mentor.

At this point your project should be nearly complete. By now you should have already read the [Work Product Submission Guidelines](#) and discussed with your mentor how you will submit your work for them to preview before you submit your final evaluation which includes providing the link to your work product on your [dashboard](#).

Be sure to complete your Final Evaluation **before Monday, August 23rd at 18:00 UTC**. You can access it now from your [dashboard](#). This is a required part of your GSoC participation and cannot be changed after submission.

Remember, completing this Final Evaluation is more involved than the first evaluation - do not wait until the last minute to complete the evaluation. All students must complete their Final Evaluation before the deadline or they will fail GSoC.

Starting August 23rd at 18:01 UTC, Mentors will be completing Final Evaluations of students and making pass/fail decisions.

Be sure to follow these 3 final steps (in order) before August 23rd at 18:00 UTC.

Start now! Don't wait until the last minute. This will take you a while to complete all 3 steps.

1. Read the [Work Product Submission Guidelines](#)
2. Discuss with your mentor how you will submit your work and send them a preview as soon as possible.
 - a. This is important because if your link is broken (not pointing to the correct code, etc.) you will have time to fix it before you submit your Final Evaluation. You don't want to submit a bad link and fail GSoC because of it.

- b. Do not miss the deadline because you haven't heard back from your mentor after submitting a preview. If you do not hear back from your mentor by **August 22nd at 18:00 UTC** submit your evaluation anyway. A missed evaluation means an automatic fail.
 3. Submit your Final Evaluation before **August 23rd at 18:00 UTC**.
 - a. If you go to your [dashboard](#) you can now access the Final Evaluation. This is a required part of your GSoC participation. The first question asks you to submit the URL pointing to your Work Product for GSoC 2021. This will be shown to your mentor to use in their final evaluation decision and will be displayed on the public GSoC site of successful projects. You can preview the final evaluation questions [here](#).
 - b. **Once you submit your Final Evaluation you can not edit it.**

Receiving the Final Stipend

If you receive a passing evaluation on your final evaluation you will receive your stipend by August 31.

Upcoming Deadlines

August 16 - 23: Students submit their code, write tests and documentation, and submit a final evaluation of their Mentor

August 23 18:00 UTC: **Deadline to submit your code and your evaluation of your mentor.**

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August 27 1500-2000 UTC: *GSoC 2021 Student Summit*

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Sent 8/3/21

Subject: IMPORTANT Project Submission Guidelines for Final Evaluation

Congratulations you are now in the final, most exciting phase of the Google Summer of Code program. Be sure to make the most out of these last 2 weeks of GSoC 2021!.

Work Product Submission Guidelines

Be sure to read the [Work Product Submission Guidelines](#) so that you are prepared for the Final Evaluation phase starting August 16th.

Be sure to discuss with your mentor the best options for your project. Each organization will have their own preference on how they want you to show your work product. These next couple of weeks are a very important time to be sure you are communicating regularly with your mentors.

Remember Final Evaluations open up for students on August 16th at 18:00 UTC and the deadline to submit your Final Evaluation is August 23rd at 18:00 UTC. And the final evaluation is not just an evaluation of your mentor, you must include a URL to the work you have produced in GSoC - be sure to read the Work Product Submission Guidelines thoroughly for all of the details.

Important Upcoming Deadlines - ADD TO YOUR CALENDARS now!

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August 27: Student Online Summit - 1500 - 2000 UTC (invites going out this week)

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GSoC 2021: First Evaluations of your mentor due before Friday, July 16th at 18:00 UTC

We hope this first half of GSoC 2021 coding has been exciting for you.

First Evaluations

Evaluations are now open! Go to your dashboard on the GSoC program site and complete your evaluation of your mentor before the Friday, July 16th 18:00 UTC deadline.

We encourage you to do it right now so you don't forget - remember, the evaluation form will only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

Receiving The First Stipend

If you receive a passing evaluation on July 16th your funds will be added to your Payoneer account by July 17.

If you have not already registered for your Payoneer account using the link we sent you in May you will not receive any stipends (we can't put money into an account that doesn't exist yet). You will receive your stipend after you successfully sign up with Payoneer and your account is approved.

Important Upcoming Dates

July 12 - July 16: First evaluation period - students submit evaluations of mentors

July 16 1800 UTC: Deadline to submit first evaluation of your mentor

July 17: Students who pass first evaluation receive first payment (45%)

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Need to withdraw from GSoC?

If you were unable to participate in GSoC 2021 during this first half of the program because your circumstances changed and you need to withdraw from the program, you can do so by clicking withdraw from your student dashboard.

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GSoC 2021: First Evaluations open July 12 - July 16 18:00 UTC

Quick reminder that the GSoC 2021 Student and Mentor Evaluations open on Monday, July 12th at 18:00 UTC (mark your calendars!). At that point, all students will be able to complete the short evaluation about their mentor and their GSoC experience from their GSoC dashboard.

Remember, the evaluation form will only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

Deadline for students to complete the evaluation form is Friday, July 16th at 18:00 UTC.

Evaluations

Interested in knowing more about what questions will be on the GSoC evaluations July 12-16? You can preview the questions [here](#).

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Student Summit

Thank you to all of the folks who have given suggestions for talks for the upcoming Student Summit which will take place on **Friday, August 27th**. We are hard at work confirming speakers and talks for the event. From your feedback we have decided to have one event for everyone to attend starting at 1500 UTC on August 27th. The exact length of the event is still being determined, more details will be coming in late July.

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Best,
Stephanie and Romina

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Sent June 10 late pm
GSoC 2021: Info for June

We hope you are all enjoying your first few days of GSoC 2021 coding!

By now all students and mentors should have made a solid plan for expected milestones during the program and students should be coding.

We wish you all a happy, safe and fun time working together to create open source code!

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate

Remember communication is the key to a successful GSoC summer for everyone. If you have an emergency come up or have to be gone for a few days be sure to let your mentor know you will be back in X days. Don't just disappear, that is how students can end up failing the program. It is okay if an emergency comes up, just send your mentor a quick email/chat (whatever form of

communication you two have agreed upon) to let them know you will not be available for a certain number of days.

Evaluations

Interested in knowing more about what questions will be on the GSoC evaluations next month (July 12-16)? You can preview the questions [here](#).

Withdrawing from GSoC

If you need to withdraw from the GSoC 2021 program please do so by going to your GSoC dashboard and clicking on the person icon and clicking "withdraw" as soon as you are sure you can not participate. As a courtesy, students please inform your mentor that you will be withdrawing so they aren't left wondering why you aren't responding to them.

Important Upcoming Dates

June 7 - July 12: First Coding period

June 15: *For US students only: Deadline to complete Payoneer tax form*

July 12 - July 16: First evaluation period - students submit evaluations of mentors and mentors submit evaluations of students

July 12 - August 16: Final Coding period

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[GSoC Student Guide](#) - [Working with your Mentor](#), [Time Management for Students](#)

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Sent May 22 late pm

GSoC 2021: Payoneer Updates and editing your School name

We hope this first week of community bonding with your organizations is going well. We have some additional tips to help you with your GSoC summer, please keep reading for more details.

Payoneer Updates

There have been quite a few folks asking some of the same questions so we wanted to address them here for you.

For students with no last name or 1 initial as their last name - payees should apply in most cases with their name exactly as it appears on their government-issued ID. For those legitimately without a last name, they should apply with their first/given name twice, as the last name field is mandatory.

Acceptable ID's - Payoneer can only accept a copy of an actual government-issued ID *card* for their verification purposes. If you have another form of government issued ID already, you may try to submit this. Payoneer also understands the ongoing crisis has made the issuing of new cards a challenge in many regions, so if you have a special circumstance and do not have any form of a government issued ID, please reach out to Payoneer right away.

Payment options for students in Russia, India and Venezuela -

In Russia and India, prepaid cards are NOT an option but bank transfers are available.

In Venezuela, only prepaid cards are supported. Bank transfers are NOT supported to Venezuelan banks.

Over 930 of you have already successfully created your Payoneer accounts - thanks! For the rest of you you still have until June 1 to create your account but please don't wait until the last minute.

If you have a special situation where you can't get a specific required doc for Payoneer until sometime in June and will not be able to make the June 1 deadline please email us and we will make a note of it - be aware it is possible your stipend payments will be delayed if you don't have your account registered by June 1.

GSoC Student Mailing lists

We have added everyone who opted in to the GSoC Student List. Please remember that this list is for past and present students only. There are almost 10,000 people on the list (from this year and previous years) so please use it for questions you feel may be helpful to all students - not questions that are specific to you (updating your Payoneer account, questions about your stipend, etc).

Please do not introduce yourself on the main GSoC Student List, we will moderate those messages and not post them as it is considered spam.

Update your Academic Program/School Information

Please go back and look at your Academic Program/School name in your profile and make sure it is correct. We are asking for just the actual university name or if you are in a coding school the name of the program. If it is incorrect please fill in this [quick form by May 25th](#) and we will update our records for you (note it will not be updated on your dashboard but will be correct in our primary files we use to compile school statistics, etc.)

Correct examples: IIIT Hyderabad
 University of Singapore
 University of California, Berkeley

Incorrect examples: Academy of Technology
 B. Tech

Important dates

Please be sure to mark these dates in your calendar of choice.
Use this [link](#) to add the Google Summer of Code deadlines to your Google Calendar

- May 17 - June 6:** Community Bonding Period
- May 25:** Deadline for USA students ONLY to complete tax request form
- May 25:** Deadline to submit form to update your School name
- June 1:** Deadline to register for your Payoneer account (or submit the form declining payments)
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Sent May 17th @2130 UTC

GSoC 2021: Welcome and Important Notes for your GSoC Summer!

Welcome to Google Summer of Code 2021! We look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish this summer during the program - welcome to the GSoC community!

Please read this entire email. It contains very important information regarding your participation in GSoC 2021. Throughout the program, you will receive more important emails from Google, please be sure to read them all very carefully. To avoid emails from us being marked as spam please add summerofcode-noreply@google.com as a trusted contact. You are responsible for meeting all required deadlines and these emails will remind you of deadlines as well as give you important details throughout the program to help you have a successful GSoC.

What do I do now?

1. Read the [Accepted Students Information](#) page - VERY IMPORTANT!
2. Be sure to read the [GSoC roles and responsibilities](#) page so you know what is expected of you but also what to expect from your Mentor this summer.
3. Talk to your mentor and community!
4. Set up your Payoneer account using the special link sent in the personalized email sent in the last couple of hours. Read that email carefully and follow the instructions to be sure you can receive the stipend payments by the required deadline (June 1).
5. In case you haven't seen the short YouTube video we created "[Congrats! You're a GSoC student](#)" check it out for some helpful tips for the summer (it's less than 3 minutes).

Withdrawing from GSoC 2021

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Receiving your GSoC Stipends

Be sure to read the instructions on how to register for your Payoneer account in the email we sent you from gsoc-support@google.com a couple of hours ago. You **MUST** use the specific link that we sent you in the previous email to set up your Payoneer account as it is unique to you. Remember to also read the [GSoC Payoneer page](#).

For more information on your stipend, please visit the [Student Stipends](#) page.

Incorrect examples: Vellore Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Science
Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University (just put Alexandria Univ)
Academy of Technology
B. Tech

Tips for the Community Bonding Period

Be sure to read the [GSoC Student Guide](#) - the section on Community Bonding has a few great 1- pagers on topics like: [What does Community mean?](#), [Open Source Culture](#) and [Communication Best Practices](#).

Also note that you can change the title and you can update your project abstract until June 7th.

Updating your Display Name on GSoC Dashboard

You can update your display name for the next few weeks if you wish to. Remember that the display name is what will be seen publicly on the GSoC site throughout the program and after the program ends. Many students wish for the display name to reflect their preferred name as that is what anyone going to see the site will be able to view (possible future employers, etc.).

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Need to contact Google Administrators? Please contact us at gsoc-support@google.com. We are a very small but mighty team with 2 of us, and with 1,292 of you we need you to all read the emails we send out as 95% of the questions you will have are answered in those emails and the links to docs supplied in the emails. Thanks.

We look forward to seeing all the awesome things you will accomplish this summer!

Best,
GSoC team
Stephanie and Romina

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Sent May 17th @ 1830 UTC

Congratulations on being accepted into Google Summer of Code 2021!

Welcome and congratulations on being accepted into Google Summer of Code 2021! This email contains personalized information related to your stipend and instructions on how to receive your stipend.

You MUST follow the steps below and meet the important deadlines or you will not get paid.

If you haven't already read the [Information for Accepted Students](#), you should do that now.

Stipend

Your total stipend, should you successfully complete Google Summer of Code 2021, is `{{stipend_total}}` USD based on your university being located in `{{university_country}}`.

As you successfully pass each stage of the program you will receive your stipend based on this schedule:

`{{stipend_total_45}}` USD around July 18 (First Evaluation)

`{{stipend_total_55}}` USD around August 31 (Final Evaluation)

For more information on your stipend, please visit the [Student Stipends](#) page.

If you choose to *decline the stipend*, please complete the [Declining GSoC Student Stipend form](#)

by June 1st.

Tax forms

If you are a US citizen, US resident alien, or are attending a university in the United States and are coding in the US during the coding period, you will need to complete [this request form](#) by **May 25th**. If none of these describe you, then you will not be asked to complete a tax form.

For more information please visit the [Tax Form Instructions](#) page.

Payments

In order to receive any GSoC stipends you **must** register for a Payoneer account **before June 1, 2021** using the link below.

IMPORTANT: You must use the link below to register for your GSoC Payoneer account to ensure that it is properly associated with your GSoC enrollment. Do not go to the Payoneer site directly and register. If you do not use this link, you will not be paid.

REGISTER FOR PAYONEER ACCOUNT:

[{{Personalized_Payoneer_link}}](#)

For more details on the payment process read [Payoneer / Student Payment Information](#).

If you already have a Payoneer account you must still use the link above. You will be asked if you already have a Payoneer account. Click "yes" and you will be guided on how to connect it to GSoC 2021.

Help

For help with Payoneer registration, please visit [their website](#) or call them. If you are calling from within the United States, dial 1-800-251-2521. If you are calling from outside the United States, dial 1-646-658-3695. Payoneer will respond to your inquiries within a couple of business days (usually earlier). Please be patient.

Important Dates and Deadlines for all Students

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June 1 Deadline to register for Payoneer account
June 7 Coding begins!

US citizens, US permanent residents and those coding in the US only:

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June 3 You will receive tax form link from Payoneer to complete your tax form
June 15 Deadline to complete US tax forms on your Payoneer dashboard

For any other questions, please email Google Administrators at gsoc-support@google.com.

- *Google Summer of Code team*