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zkIgnite, Cohort 1 Program Overview

Register your interest for zkIgnite – the ultimate program for developers and entrepreneurs looking to turn their zkApp ideas into reality.

Are you ready to create exciting decentralized applications, leveraging zero knowledge to revolutionize the way we interact with our data? zkIgnite, Cohort 1 is a three-month program designed to help developers and entrepreneurs turn their innovative ideas into real-world applications and build successful businesses on Mina Protocol. Up to \$500k USDC and 500k MINA are available as part of this community-allocated grants program, to fund zkApp businesses and key developer tooling that will ultimately push the Mina ecosystem forward.

Each week, the program will focus on a specific theme to guide participants through the process of creating, deploying, and scaling their zkApps. And the best part? Anyone who is passionate about building zkApps can join, not just developers – this program is open to all and is driven by a passionate community. You can participate in the program in a variety of ways; whether you're a developer, founder, designer, marketer, or just someone interested in building tooling for other developers, there's a place for you in zkIgnite.

[Sign up to register your interest here.](#)

Program Details

During the 12 week program, participants will engage in a series of weekly gatherings and challenges, including:

- Generating innovative ideas
- Drafting high quality proposals
- Team formation
- Funding
- Budgeting and planning
- Technical support throughout building
- Introduction to VC and Impact Funds for further funding



zkIgnite is community-driven at every stage, which is why we're also introducing Mina's Innovation Platform, a new space for zkIgnite participants to collaborate. You can form teams on the platform and submit proposals for funding, as well as vote on which projects to fund. Participants will also have the opportunity to work together via weekly gatherings as well as dedicated Telegram and Discord channels.

Choose your pathway

zkApp Challenges

Participants in Cohort 1 will form teams around zkApp ideas designed to solve real world problems. Teams are not limited to any particular structure but we do encourage each team having at least 1-2 technical developers. Everyone is welcome to participate in Cohort 1, including non-technical builders and community members. Below we've listed roles of potential participants in the zkApp Challenges:

- Web3 and ZK developers
- Founders
- Designers and marketers

Dev4Dev Challenge

Developers who want to create tooling that will make building in the Mina ecosystem easier and more efficient for other developers.

- Tooling to be built in Dev4Dev Challenge will be crowdsourced from Cohort 1 participants.

Cohort 1 requires a 12-week commitment and will include weekly workshops and gatherings. However, the time commitment is flexible, and you can dedicate as much or as little time as you see fit. If you're passionate and dedicated about building a successful zkApp business, this is the perfect opportunity to dive in as there will be ample opportunities and grants to reward you.

Proposal Feedback – in addition to submitting proposals for the zkApp and Dev4Dev challenge we invite the Mina community to join Cohort 1 to provide feedback throughout the proposal development process. You don't have to be associated with a team to join and share your thoughts!

Funding

Successful projects will be eligible to receive funding from the Mina Foundation grant pool to help continue the development of their zkApp.

Mina Foundation is excited to share that there is **\$500k USDC and 500k MINA available to allocate across Cohort 1** for zkApp and Dev4Dev Challenges as well as various participation rewards.

Funding allocation decisions will be made by 'electors', a select group of experienced builders and community members within the Mina ecosystem.

Next Steps

Don't miss out on this opportunity to unleash your potential and shape the future of zero knowledge technology with zkIgnite. Register your interest for Cohort 1 today and stay tuned for further updates on how to join.

Program participants will be invited to a special community call on **Wednesday, February 15th**, with insights and guidance from Mina co-founder Evan Shapiro and other Mina ecosystem partners.

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About Mina Protocol

Mina is the world's lightest blockchain, powered by participants. Rather than apply brute computing force, Mina uses advanced cryptography and recursive zk-SNARKs to design an entire blockchain that is about 22kb, the size of a couple of tweets. It is the first layer-1 to enable efficient implementation and easy programmability of **zero knowledge smart contracts (zkApps)**. With its unique privacy features and ability to connect to any website, Mina is building a private gateway between the real world and crypto—and the secure, democratic future we all deserve. Mina is stewarded by the Mina Foundation, a public benefit corporation headquartered in the United States.

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zkIgnite Cohort 1 概览：立即报名！

注册参加 zkIgnite：面向希望将 zkApp 想法落地的开发者和企业家的终极计划。

你准备好开发有趣的去中心化应用，利用零知识彻底改变我们与数据的交互方式吗？

zkIgnite Cohort 1 为期三个月，旨在帮助开发者和企业家将他们的创新想法转化为现实世界的应用，并在 Mina 协议上建立成功的运用。作为社区分配赠款计划的一部分，基金会提供高达 50 万美元的 USDC 和 50 万 MINA，用于资助最终将推动 Mina 生态向前发展的 zkApp 业务和关键开发者工具。

该计划每周将专注于一个特定的主题，来指导参与者完成创建、部署和扩展 zkApp 的过程。这个计划不仅仅局限于开发者，也对于所有热衷于开发 zkApp 的人开放。并由一个充满激情的

社区推动。你可以通过各种方式参与该计划;无论你是开发者、创始人、设计师、营销人员,或者只是对为其他开发者开发工具感兴趣的人,在 zkIgnite 都可以找到你的位置。

[立即注册 zkIgnite Cohort 1](#)

zkIgnite Cohort 1 计划细节

在为期 12 周的 zkIgnite 计划中,参与者将参与一系列的每周聚会和挑战,包括。

- 提出创新想法
- 起草高质量提案
- 组建团队
- 筹资
- 预算和规划
- 整个开发过程中的技术支持
- 风险投资和影响力基金相关介绍,以获得更多资金



zkIgnite 全程由社区驱动，这就是我们还推出了 Mina 的创新平台的原因，这是一个供 zkIgnite 参与者合作的新空间。你可以在平台上组建团队并提交资助提案，以及投票决定资助哪些项目。参与者还将有机会通过每周的聚会以及专门的 Telegram 和 Discord 频道一起线上工作。

选择你的参与方式

zkApp 挑战赛

Cohort 1 的参与者将围绕旨在解决现实世界难题的 zkApp 创意组成团队。团队不受任何特定结构的限制，但我们鼓励每个团队至少有 1-2 名技术开发者。我们欢迎每个人参加队列 1，包括非技术性的 builder 和社区成员。下面我们列出了潜在参与者在 zkApp 挑战赛的角色。

- Web3 & ZK 开发者
- 创始人
- 设计师和营销人员

Dev4Dev 挑战赛

希望创建工具，帮助其他开发者更容易和更有效地在 Mina 生态中进行开发工作的开发者。

- 在 Dev4Dev 挑战赛中建立的工具将众包给 Cohort 1 的参与者。

Cohort 1 需要参与者投入 12 周的时间，包括参加每周的研讨会和聚会。然而时间是灵活的，你可以根据自己的安排投入尽可能多的时间。如果你热衷于并致力于打造成功的 zkApp 业务，那么这就是你投入的绝佳机会，因为你将获得充足的机会和资金奖励。

提案反馈 – 除了为 zkApp 和 Dev4Dev 挑战提交提案外，我们还邀请 Mina 社区加入 Cohort 1，在整个提案开发过程中提供反馈。不必与团队相关联即可加入并分享你的想法！

资助

成功的项目将有资格获得 Mina 基金会的资助，帮助他们继续开发 zkApp。

Mina 基金会将为 Cohort 1 的 zkApp 和 Dev4Dev 挑战赛以及各种参与提供 **50 万美元 USDC** 和 **50 万 MINA**。

资金分配决定将由 "选举人" 做出，他们是由 Mina 生态中经验丰富的开发者和社区成员组成的小组。

下一步

不要错过这个机会，利用 zkIgnite 释放你的潜力，一起创造零知识技术的未来。立即注册 Cohort 1，持续关注进一步更新。

项目参与者将被邀请参加 2 月 15 日星期三的特别社区线上会议，听取 Mina 联合创始人 Evan Shapiro 和其他 Mina 生态合作伙伴的见解和指导。

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快讯(供参考)

轻量级区块链 Mina 启动 zkIgnite Cohort 1, 为期三个月, 旨在帮助开发者和企业家将创新想法转化为现实世界应用并在 Mina 协议上建立成功的业务。Mina 基金会将为成功的运用提供资助, 帮助他们继续开发 zkApp(零知识智能合约) 和推动 Mina 生态向前发展的 zkApp 业务以及关键开发者工具。

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轻量级区块链的加密货币协议 Mina 由可验证计算领域领导团队 O(1) Labs 打造, 使用密码学和递归零知识证明 zk-SNARK 来设计一个完整的区块链, 使其大小能够保持约 22KB (约为几条推文的大小), 且验证当前的区块链状态速度极快。

A promotional graphic for Mina's zkIgnite Cohort 1 program. The background is a blue gradient with faint binary code and a stylized illustration of a modern skyscraper on the right. The text is white and yellow. The main headline reads 'Mina's largest grants program. Ever.' Below it, a yellow banner says 'SIGN UP TODAY! LAUNCHES FEBRUARY 15'. To the right, a dark blue box lists the program's features: 500k USDC / 500k MINA, zkApp Challenges, and Dev4Dev Challenges.

Announcing zkIgnite: Cohort 1

Mina's largest grants program. Ever.

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- zkApp Challenges
- Dev4Dev Challenges

zkIgnite:

Start a ZK Business in 12 Weeks.



Week 1-3

Ideation
zkApp Proposals
Forming Teams



Week 4-5

Feedback
Budgeting Workshops



Week 6-8

Crowdvoting
Funding

\$500k USDC
500k MINA



Week 9-12

Company Setup Workshops
Mentorship



Week 13+

Monthly Check-ins
Intro to VCs & Impact Funds

MINA