

2018 Mentor Summit Session: GSoC Feedback

Attendees: approx 50

1. Tags on projects in addition to just organizations
2. This year was too early, bad for Germany and Austria and the Southern Hemisphere
3. Provide visual resources (instead of text) to help advertise to other languages to find mentors
4. Encourage Googlers via 20% time to provide feedback on open source projects
5. Very quick turnaround between announcing orgs so they are more prepared for onboarding
6. Observation
 - a. A lot of people applied for the 1st project and not the 2nd project
7. Open Science subset of GSoC'er - coalition of Open Science to make science interested students more in GSoC
8. Mentors had difficulties seeing feedback from evaluations. Sean had to copy and paste. It's good for mentors to see
 - a. Have checkbox on org admin side to choose whether mentor/student want their feedback shared
9. Have the mentor summit in Canada
 - a. No issues with visas, etc.
10. Consider raising the lowest bar on the stipend
11. Student eligibility check
 - a. Make documentation clear what do we do
12. Add ability to work on small hardware projects - how do we
13. Real life meeting with mentor and student is so worthwhile - can we use Google's name to help get visa letters?
14. Can you clarify better that GSoC Mentors are volunteers so that students treat us better?
15. Include open hardware in GSoC
16. A lot of people just don't know about GSoC. Do more or something similar to how you promote GCI
17. Ensure everyone goes through a code of conduct and "all communications happen publicly or it didn't happen"
 - a. Let people know when they have violated the code of conduct
18. I can't believe you still do this it's so painful to run
19. KDE has become younger and less German. We are way more Indian now. We have a lot of fresh ideas and new blood, without GSoC we wouldn't have.
20. How do you ensure mentors fill out the form before the deadline?