

The Arbitrum on Gitcoin Grant Funding Fest General Eligibility Criteria

- All projects submitted must be aligned with and contribute to the **advancement of the Arbitrum ecosystem**
- The team should have a track record of relevant experience or a compelling plan to execute the project successfully. Prior project activity is also relevant, ideally, projects should be at least a couple of months old.
- One team/brand can only apply with one project in this program.
- **Verified Github** (if applicable) and/or Twitter account
- **One Grant per Applicant:** You can only apply for one grant per round.
- **Matching Limit:** Each grant can only receive matching funds from one round.
- **No Hate or Harmful Content:** Avoid racism, sexism, and harmful material.
- **No Deception:** Don't trick or harm users.
- **No Cheating:** No hacking or tricks to fake contributions.
- **No Impersonation:** Be who you say you are, and funds must go to your project.
- **No Quid pro quo or Bribes:** Grants shouldn't promise rewards for donors
- **No Advertising:** Grants are not for selling things.
- Grantees cannot be subject to sanctions, and funding cannot be used in violation of any applicable law, rules, or regulations (for example those addressing sanctions, financing of terrorism, and anti-money-laundering)
- **No Bad Behavior:** If you encourage cheating or suspicious behaviors, you may be disqualified. Grantees can be eliminated from consideration in the round if they are found to be encouraging or enabling Sybil attacks or other forms of malicious manipulation of the grants platform or the Arbitrum community.
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- Grants may be declined at our discretion to ensure alignment with Arbitrum DAOs mission and goals.

Round specific Eligibility Criteria

Gaming round criteria

- The project must be **primarily focused on gaming and build on Arbitrum or Arbitrum Nova or be directly connected to the Arbitrum ecosystem**
- Projects should propose innovative gaming solutions that leverage the scalability and efficiency of Arbitrum.
- Demonstrable progress towards creating a functional gaming product or platform is required. The project should have a well-defined gameplay concept and mechanics. Integration of decentralized technologies like NFTs and blockchain-based rewards would be amazing

Developer tooling on Nova criteria

- The project must be **primarily focused on creating helpful developer tooling and experiences** within the Arbitrum ecosystem.
- Projects must address pain points related to smart contract development, debugging, testing, or deployment.
- Emphasis should be placed on interoperability with existing Ethereum/Arbitrum developer tools and services.
- Open-source and collaborative development approaches are very encouraged

Education, community growth & events criteria

- Projects must aim **to enhance education or knowledge-sharing about the Arbitrum ecosystem**. Ideally projects should also be build on Arbitrum or Arbitrum Nova(if possible)
- Clear objectives for improving access to education, learning outcomes, or educational content should be outlined.
- Examples of projects suitable for this round :
 - E-learning platforms
 - Certification systems
 - Hosting events for Arbitrum
 - Creating new communities
 - Providing quality educational resources
 - Creating quality content (youtube tutorials, newsletters, blog posts, podcasts, etc)
 - Protecting users by investigating bad actors
 - DAOs focused on socialization
 - Creative ideas to onboard new users

New protocol ideas criteria

- Projects in this domain **should introduce novel blockchain protocols, consensus mechanisms, or architectural enhancements**. Clear documentation outlining the proposed protocol's technical details and potential benefits is required.
- Demonstrating the feasibility and potential impact of the new protocol through simulations or prototypes is preferred. The project should also attempt to address potential challenges, risks, and mitigation strategies.
- Projects should introduce a technically innovative solution that addresses existing limitations or challenges in the blockchain space. Protocols that ensure a high degree of decentralization and propose mechanisms for effective on-chain governance are highly encouraged