OBF Event Fellowship Application

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DEADLINE for next round: 1 April 2023

The Open Bioinformatics Foundation (OBF) offers the OBF Event Fellowship program aimed at increasing diverse participation at events promoting open science practices such as open source bioinformatics resource development and dissemination in the biological research community.

These fellowships are available to support both in-person and remote (virtual) participation at events such as conferences, workshops, training courses or collaborative development sprints.

You can use this Word Document (create a copy) to draft your application: [Document to draft application](#)

For information on how we will evaluate your application, please see: https://github.com/OBF/obf-docs/blob/master/Travel_fellowships.md.

We are inviting applications from individuals seeking financial support to attend or host virtual events. If you plan to attend an in person event, please describe in your application how the Coronavirus pandemic induced restriction for gathering and travel will affect your plans.

If multiple members of a group are applying for this fellowship, please send your applications separately as the OBF Event Fellowship is aimed at supporting **individual applicants only**.

For more information, please contact the OBF Event Fellowship chair by emailing: board@open-bio.org

Response to the field is necessary with indicated with an asterisk ''*

Section1: Personal information

Email address*

Name*

Career stage* (add 'X' next to the selected option)
- Intern/trainee
- Undergraduate student
- Master's student
- PhD researcher/student
- Postdoctoral researcher
- Staff scientist or technical support
- Independent researcher
- Educator or lecturer
- Group leader/Principal Investigator
- Other:

Affiliation*
(Please note that your affiliations such as school, college, university, company, or research institute, is required for the reviewers to match your online profile such as GitHub repository or speaker list. This information will not impact the evaluation of your application.)

Are you willing to write a blog post for OBF after the event? *
We require that recipients write a blog post after the event. You can write this on your own blog, or send us a post, and we will reference/host it on http://news.obf.io/. We will not send funds until you have posted your blog.
- Please add a confirmation by selecting "Yes, I am willing to write a blog post within four weeks of the end of the event."

Section 2: Event and nature of your participation

Please provide details regarding the event (conference, workshop, training, or other kinds of meet-up) you would like to participate in with the help of this fellowship.

Name of the event *

Event website *

Dates of event *
Normally, applicants should be planning to attend an event that will take place in the one-year window starting one month after the application deadline. For example, if the event fellowship application deadline is April 1, the event you hope to attend should take place between May 2023 and the following April 2024.

Type of event * (add 'X' next to the selected option)
- Conference

- Workshop or hands-on learning event
- Development sprints like collaborative documentation, hackathon, or code fest
- Skill development training
- Other:

Please confirm where the event is taking place (in-person or remotely). Please note that we are aiming to support participation in virtual events with this round of fellowship. * (add 'X' next to the selected option)
- In-person
- Completely remote
- Partially remote
- Not sure yet
- Other:

What is your role at this event? *
Please give us some details about the nature of your participation at the event (for example, a short summary of a poster/presentation/panel-discussion/training instructions) and how it relates to open science practices or open source software.

How is your participation in this event related to open-source bioinformatics or open science in general? Please respond in up to 250 words. *
OBF Event Fellowships are intended to enable awardees to participate in events that promote open source bioinformatics and/or open science. Please describe how this event and your participation in it relate to these goals.

Section 3: Open Source Resources

OBF promotes the development of open-source bioinformatics software, documentation, or other content useful for research communities. If your participation in the event involves any such resource (either because you are presenting, co-developing, or because the event involves activities around this topic), please provide links to the online documents or repository and evidence of open-source licensing.

Online repository or public resources *
Please add the link to the one or more online repositories (highly recommended to be open) relevant to your participation. If there is no repository, a webpage with a description, or a DOI (for example, from Zenodo or Figshare) can also be added.

Open Source license *
What open source license does your software use? Please note that we will confirm this in the code repository listed above (i.e. your repository should clearly indicate the license). See https://opensource.org/licenses for lists of OSI-approved licenses.

Resource description *

Please describe the resource relevant to this event. This might be a software package or documentation that you are already working on or one that you plan to work on during the event. If you cannot provide links to specific resources and licenses, then please describe how your participation furthers open science practices.

Section 4: Promoting diversity and representation

Bioinformatics globally is dominated by English-speaking, male, middle-aged researchers. One of the goals of the OBF fellowship is to increase participation from groups otherwise underrepresented in the community or at the event, including but not limited to underrepresented demographic groups (country of residence and citizenship), ethnic background (historically underrepresented and other minority groups), career stages, gender identity and expression, and people with disabilities.

How will your participation in this event increase diversity in the OVERALL open source bioinformatics / open science community? *
Note that you may have an answer to this question even if you are not personally a member of an underrepresented group. This section is important for the evaluation of your application.

Section 5: Justification for Funding

The OBF Event Fellowships are available for the awardees to cover conference registration fees and other participation related costs of up to USD $1,000.
  - For in-person events, this fellowship can be used to cover airfare, transportation and hotel.
  - For virtual events, applicants can seek support for small hardware, internet cost for the duration of the event, or other supporting materials
See https://github.com/OBF/obf-docs/blob/master/Travel_fellowships.md for more information on what items can be covered through this fellowship.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage participants to attend conferences/events virtually and consider their positions responsibly (and provide a description in this section) if they plan to attend in-person events.

 Please provide details of the items you would like to pay for through the OBF Event fellowship.
A single word or short sentence response may not be sufficient for the reviewers to assess your application. Please provide provide as much detail as possible to justify what your participation cost will include.