Apply to be a mentor for Pathfinder - Fall '25!

The Pathfinder Fellowship is a semester-long program for AI safety group organizers run by Kairos. As a mentor, you will be paired with university AI safety or policy group organizers whom you will mentor and support as they build or lead their university groups.

The deadline to apply is November 23 at 11:59PM Anywhere on Earth.

Before you apply

We expect that this application will take about **30 to 45 minutes** in total to complete, and please plan to spend no longer than 1 hour.

Be aware that this application requires you to record yourself answering two short questions.

After you apply

After you complete this form, a member of our team will review your answers, and possibly schedule a follow-up call if necessary (most decisions are made without one).

You should hear back from us with a decision by **December 2.**

For more information or if you have any questions, please visit the mentor program overview or feel free to reach out to us at pathfinder@kairos-project.org.

First Name * [Text Field]

Last Name * [Text Field]

Email * [Email Input Field]

Phone number * [Phone Input Field]

About you 👤

🔗 **Please share your LinkedIn, or a shareable link to your resume.** * No need to spend too much time on it — whatever you currently have available is perfectly fine. [Link Input Field]

🌎 **What country will you be located in next term/semester?** * Please write the full name of the city and country and, if it's the US, also include the state. [Text Field]

💬 **What language(s) do you speak?** * Only add languages you're proficient in. This is for potentially pairing you with mentees that speak other languages. [Text Field]

👥 **Which AI safety, AI policy, or other group(s) are you currently organizing and/or have organized in the past?** * If you have experience running another cause-specific group, you can also put it here. Please include the duration of your involvement and your role. [Text Area]

✍️ **Briefly describe your experience running this/these group(s)** * Consider including what positions you held, what you achieved, what you found hard, and what you found rewarding, or just describe what you did. [Text Area]

Video Section 🎥

In this section, we ask you two questions. Think about your response briefly, then take a video of yourself answering these questions in three minutes or less each and link to the responses here. The idea is not that you'll prepare a script that is polished, but that we'll see how you think about and talk about things in a relatively spontaneous and quick way.

Please create a link to a video recording of yourself answering these questions. We recommend that you use Google Drive to upload the video and share a link. If you don't have access to Google Drive, you can use Vimeo or any other system you are most comfortable with.

Make sure that you've enabled view access with the link and please introduce yourself in each video (e.g. "Hello, my name is X and this is my response to why I want to be a mentor").

These videos will not be shared with anyone outside of the Kairos team.

Estimated completion time: ~15 minutes

Briefly, why do you want to be a mentor? * Reminder:

- Keep you answers under three minutes
- Don't prepare a polished script, but try to answer in a relatively spontaneous and quick way
- At the start of the video, briefly introduce yourself and mention the question you're answering [Link Input Field]

Briefly, what do you think should be the main priorities of an AI safety or AI policy group? Why? * [Link Input Field]

❗ **Did you set the links to be viewable by anyone?** * You can find more information on how to change the sharing settings here.

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

Mentorship preferences & availability 📚

Do you have any preferences for the type of groups you'd support? * Some examples: very new groups, groups in LMICs, groups on the U.S. West Coast, Spanish-speaking groups, technical vs policy-focused groups, graduate vs. undergraduate groups, etc. [Text Area]

On average, how many hours per week do you want to devote to mentorship calls (including prep) this semester? * [Text Field]

How many hours per week could you devote to mentorship calls (including prep), maximum? * [Text Field]

How many mentees do you think you could support, maximum? * [Text Field]

Would you like to be considered for a Senior Mentor role? While we're excited about applications for mentors with different time dedications, this round, we're particularly enthusiastic about increasing the number of senior mentors. Senior Mentors generally have four or more mentees, and they have an outsized influence on the program, being a major component of the value produced by Pathfinder. A Senior Mentor will be expected to communicate and meet with us more frequently.

- ( ) Yes, I'd like to be considered!
- ( ) No
- ( ) Other

[Optional] Are there any other details on your availability you'd like to share? [Text Area]

Additional information ℹ️

FYI: If you are currently a group organizer, you can also apply to Pathfinder as a mentee! Historically we've had plenty of organizers participate as both mentors and mentees. You can find more information about Pathfinder here.

[Optional] Do you have any recommendations for other potential mentors? Please provide names and email addresses! [Text Area]

[Optional] Do you have any recommendations for group organizers we should reach out to, to invite them to apply for Pathfinder? Please provide names and email addresses!
[Text Area]

[Optional] Is there anything else you think we should know? [Text Area]

Application submitted 🚀

Thank you for applying to be a mentor!

Thank you for submitting an application for Pathfinder! We'll review your app and be in touch over the next few weeks.

We expect to send out final decisions by **August 11**, but we might reach out sooner if we need extra information.