

BAF Blockchain Clubs Firesides

Overview

The Blockchain Acceleration Foundation invites all blockchain student clubs worldwide to a series of fireside chats to create budding relationships, extraordinary projects, and meaningful conversations across our clubs network.

- Leading clubs will showcase their initiatives and connect to the opportunities and resources to take them to the next level.
- New clubs will get behind-the-scenes insights from the leading blockchain student organizations and hear more about how BAF supports student clubs and universities in the space.

BAF is a community of communities. The goal is to offer an opportunity for clubs to leverage The BAF Network for their community growth.

Where, When, How?

This will be a combination of in person and virtual meetups taking place during blockchain conferences, hackathons, the BAF discord, and Twitter Space.

In person meetups:

- Meetup 1: Blockchain Happy Hour - Graph Hack
 - Date: June 3rd
 - Location: San Francisco, California
 - BAF coordinator: Erfan
 - Sponsor: NEAR (Secured), The Graph
 - Venue: [Options](#)
- Meetup 2: Blockchain Clubs Happy Hour - Consensus
 - Date: June 10th
 - Location: Austin, Texas
 - BAF coordinator: Nour
 - Sponsor: NEAR, Coindesk
 - Venue: [Austin Beer Garden and Bakery](#)
- Meetup 3: Blockchain Clubs Happy Hour - NFT NYC
 - Date: June 22nd
 - Location: NYC
 - BAF coordinator: Christian
 - Sponsor:
 - Venue:

- Meetup 4: Blockchain Clubs Happy Hour - NYC
 - Date: September 15th
 - Location: Zoomer House
 - BAF coordinator: Erfan
 - Sponsor:

Online meetups:

- Prioritize in person meetups for the month of June
- **[BAF Research Symposium](#)**: The DeFi Research Symposium is a series of 4 seminars online and free of access for students in June 2022. The seminars will be moderated by our BAF Fellow Nir Chemaya. Nir is an accomplished economist with a background in finance and pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Goals

BAF is the starting point for communities and a support system for each of those communities to achieve their own goals. We do this by:

- Giving clubs a strong foundation to build their community by allowing new orgs to learn experienced ones and ensure they have a strategy to develop their organization
- Fostering clubs collaborations that are supported and promoted by BAF to scale blockchain education and adoption
- Showcasing student startups and projects and provide a support system for them to achieve their goals
- Engaging clubs with BAF and our partner communities
- Expanding each club's network
- Sourcing sponsors for clubs

Who?

- Invite big club partners to present their work and insights such as:
 - Blockchain at Berkeley
 - Blockchain at Michigan
 - Blockchain at Cambridge
 - Penn Blockchain
 - Harvard Blockchain Club
- Organize the in person events with local clubs
- All **[BAF Blockchain Club Partners](#)** are welcome to join no matter the experience

Possible Topics for meetups

- How to build a club from scratch: team management, marketing, recruiting
- How to DAOfy the club
- Blockchain club and university funding
- How to build a consulting track
- Student projects / startup fair
- University research
- Job Fairs

Ecosystem Sponsors

- NEAR Protocol
- Algorand Foundation
- The Graph

University Partners

- [BAF advisors](#)
- Startup accelerators and research labs
- The professors and faculty members that work with

BAF responsibilities

- Organize the upfront communication and organization centrally
- Source speakers and sponsorships
- Secure location and ensure the logistics
- Connect clubs to mentorship and funding opportunities for their projects
- Marketing campaigns

Next steps:

- ~~Onboard Erfan as a BAF fellow~~
- ~~Christian as BAF fellow~~
- ~~Organize BAF Clubs meetups Planning call~~
- ~~Organize BAF/EduDAO Call~~