

Sample form, not for offline completion.

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Sovereign Tech Fund



Application

Dear open source maintainer,

thanks for your interest in applying to our Fellowship pilot. This is the application form for the freelance option, which is for maintainers applying for a service contract between 4 and 32 weekly working hours. There is also an internal employment option, for which we designed another form. Please make sure to only apply for one option.

For further questions please have a look at our [Fellowship page](#) and our [FAQ](#), or contact us using fellowship@sovereigntechfund.de.

Application name

- I understand that in order to receive notifications about the status of my application, my applicant profile must be subscribed to "broadcast emails" and "notification emails."
- I am legally able to sign contracts.
- I acknowledge: All code and documentation to be supported within this fellowship must be licensed such that it may be acknowledge: freely reusable, changeable and redistributable
- I acknowledge: Projects are not eligible to receive financing or work commissions from the Sovereign Tech Fund if other public or private entities are already making or have made grants or investments for the same proposed activities.
- I acknowledge: The fellowship is projected with a start in Q4 2024 and will end 12 months later in Q4 2025. I can make it possible to be available in that time range for the fellowship.
- I acknowledge: This is my first application for the fellowship program operated by STF. Also, I did not apply for another fellowship option so far.

I acknowledge:

I'm an open source maintainer myself and I'm not applying on behalf of a business entity that is planning to employ or contract open source maintainers using this program.

We want to hear more about your motivation to apply for the fellowship. Please create a cover letter and tell us why you are applying, including your background in Open Source and your past journey with the projects you are maintaining or contributing to.

The document does not need to follow a formal format and should not be more text than one or two pages (PDF only).

Please provide us with some high level information about the projects you are maintaining or contributing to. Please keep in mind that you have to hold the maintainer role for at least one of the projects. If possible, we ask you to provide up to three repository URLs below the description. If you want to reference more repositories, please use the description text box.

Describe each open source project in a sentence. Please highlight which role you have there (maintainer, contributor). 2000 characters

Repository Link #1 (Maintainer Role)

Repository Link #2 (optional)

Repository Link #3 (optional)

We would like to learn more about the projects where you hold the role of a maintainer. Please be clear about which project you are referring to within the text fields.

Describe your projects more in-depth. Why are they critical? 300 words

Please provide a brief overview of projects that depend on your technology. 300 words

Which target groups do your projects address (who are its users?) and how would they benefit from a paid maintainer fellowship (directly and indirectly)? 300 words

How was the work on the project made possible so far (structurally, financially, including volunteer work)? If applicable, list others sources of funding that you applied for and/or received. 300 words

Link to your profile (optional)

(e.g. your GitHub profile)

Country of residence of the person who will sign the contract.

This information is not relevant for selection but for administrative and evaluation purposes.

How did you hear about the Sovereign Tech Fund? (optional)

- Search engine
- From another maintainer or contributor
- Mailing list
- GitHub
- Social media (Twitter, Mastodon, LinkedIn, other)
- Blog or other publication
- Podcast
- YouTube
- Conference
- Other

We are a new organization and continuing to learn how to reach people working on open source software. Your response helps us evaluate our outreach and has no impact on selection.