



Open source software is changing the world and creating the future.  
Want to help?

Historically, *Google Summer of Code* has brought together nearly 5,500 students with over 300 open source projects to create millions of lines of code. We're looking for mentors and students to join us in making 2012 the best Summer of Code yet!

The *Google Summer of Code* program is designed to encourage student participation in open source development. Kicking off in 2005, the program has several goals:

- Inspire young developers to begin participating in open source development
- Provide students in Computer Science and related fields the opportunity to do work related to their academic pursuits during the summer
- Give students more exposure to real-world software development scenarios (e.g., distributed development, software licensing questions, mailing-list etiquette, etc.)
- Get more open source code created and released for the benefit of all
- Help open source projects identify and bring in new developers and committers

We'll be offering successful student contributors a 5,000 USD stipend, enabling them to focus on their coding projects for three months. This program is done completely online. Students and mentors from more than 100 countries have participated in past years.

Google will accept applications from open source projects from February 27–March 9, 2012. Student applications will be accepted from March 26–April 6, 2012.

Find full details on requirements for participating, including how to apply and info on the all-important t-shirt at <http://www.google-melange.com>.