

2023 - 2024

# **TECH FLEX LEADERS**

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LOS ANGELES

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Tech Flex Leaders (TFL) Program is an immersive out-of-school time program for juniors and seniors enrolled in a Los Angeles high school. This program engages students interested in technology through:

- Weekly technical training sessions led by industry experts
- Intersectional professional development sessions
- Career days and mentorship opportunities with representatives from leading technology companies
- Paid summer internships and job opportunities through the AOT employer partner network

# TECH FLEX LEADERS CURRICULUM

During the fall semester students learn HTML, CSS and Bootstrap and complete a final web development group project. During the spring semester students choose to pursue one of the following tracks: Advanced Web Development, Product Management, UX Design, Digital Marketing, or Data Science.

**EARN** \$1000!

# **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants for the 2023 - 2024 program must:

- Be a rising junior or senior enrolled in a Los Angeles public or charter high school
- Be interested in careers in computer science / technology
- Be available for virtual sessions once a week, Monday-Thursday from 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. during the 2023 2024 school year
- Be available to attend in-person sessions approximately four (4) times a semester
- Be available to attend two (2) mandatory virtual Office Hours over the course of the semester to connect with program leadership

PRIORITY DEADLINE: JULY 9th | FINAL DEADLINE: AUGUST 20th



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Who is eligible to apply?

- Rising high school juniors and seniors currently attending a Los Angeles
  public or charter school are eligible to apply. Graduating high school seniors
  (Class of '23) would not be eligible to participate in the program.
- Note: AOT prioritizes candidates who:
  - Self-identify as Hispanic / Latinx
  - Self-identify as African American / Black
  - Self-identify as females and/or girls and/or non-binary
  - Self-identify as LGBTQIA+
  - Attend a Los Angeles high school that meets our Economic Needs Index

#### Do I have to live in Los Angeles?

 Yes. To be eligible to participate in the Tech Flex Leaders program you must be a resident of Los Angeles County.

#### Is the program virtual?

• It is hybrid! Most technical session takes place via Zoom. Participants should be able to attend sessions in-person approximately four (4) times a semester. In-person sessions will take place in Downtown LA.

#### When will I find out if I am accepted?

• Application decisions will go out the week of August 28th. Students who are accepted must submit their confirmation form and parent consent packet to reserve their space in the program.

# Do I need previous coding experience?

• Nope. No prior experience is required - just the desire to learn!

# Do I have to pay for this program?

• The Tech Flex Leaders Program is completely free! In fact, students who successfully complete the program will earn a **\$1,000 stipend**.

#### Do I have to attend every program session?

• In order to be able to really learn the material, it is important that you are present for all sessions. Students who cannot commit to the full program should not apply.

#### What kind of technology do I need to participate?

• In order to participate fully you'll need a laptop and/or desktop computer and a stable internet connection with video capability! Don't have those? Don't worry! Let us know in your application.

#### Who should I contact if I have questions about Tech Flex Leaders?

Reach out to laadmissions@americaontech.org.