

# Code Next

## Code Next Labs Application FAQs

**2025-2026 applications will open on April 7, 2025.**  
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Hello! We're excited that you're interested in the Code Next program! Here are a few things you need to know before you apply. If you have any further questions, please reach out to [codenext@google.com](mailto:codenext@google.com).

We have two available programs, each with their own separate application. This FAQ doc is specifically for our Lab program. To learn more about our Affiliate program, please [click here](#).

**Code Next Labs**, our program that takes place in live labs **for students that live in:**

- 1) Oakland, California
- 2) Inglewood, California
- 3) New York City, New York and
- 4) Detroit, Michigan.

**Please note:** Only our **New York City** and **Inglewood** Labs will be accepting applications for the Spring 2025 cycle.

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## CODE NEXT LABS

### The Basics

#### ***What is Code Next, and Code Next Labs?***

Code Next is a free, computer science education program that meets high school students in their own communities and provides the skills and inspiration they need for long and rewarding careers in tech and computer science-related fields.

Code Next Labs are physical spaces where students come in person to learn about all things computer science-related. See more at [g.co/codenext](https://g.co/codenext).

#### ***Are Code Next Labs online or in-person?***

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Code Next Labs are in person. We have several physical labs—one in Oakland, California, one in Inglewood, California, one in New York City (Chelsea), and one in Detroit, Michigan. We may open up more labs in the future across the country.

## ***Where are the Code Next Live Labs?***

Our live labs are located in 1) Oakland, California, 2) New York City, New York, 3) Detroit, Michigan and 4) Inglewood, California in Los Angeles. See the exact addresses below:

### **Code Next NYC:**

316 W 16th Street  
Manhattan, NY 10011

### **Code Next OAK (in the Fruitvale Village):**

3301 E 12th Street  
Suite 151  
Oakland, CA 94601

### **Code Next DET:**

2001 15th Street  
Detroit, MI 48216

### **Code Next ING (coming in Spring 2025):**

1233 S District Drive, Suite 110  
Inglewood, CA 90303

## ***Do you have to be fully vaccinated to enter a Code Next Live Lab?***

No, as of April 11, 2023, Google has lifted the vaccination mandates and covid-19 vaccines are not required to enter our Code Next Labs.

## ***What if I live in a city where there isn't a Code Next lab?***

We may plan on opening more labs in the future in different cities across the country. Or, you can see if there is an Affiliate program in your city! Check out [g.co/codenext/affiliate](https://g.co/codenext/affiliate) for more information.

To get updates on when/where those physical labs will open, sign up for our Code Next newsletter at <https://codenext.withgoogle.com/#sign-up>.

## ***How much does it cost to participate?***

Code Next is free for all participants.

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## ***What do I receive if I get accepted?***

A lot! (see below)

- Access to the Code Next Lab during operating hours which includes a micro-kitchen of snacks, 3-D printers, a state of the art laser cutter, and a ton of other cool tech equipment. We also offer free meals during program days.
- Program offerings learning things like game design, AI and machine learning, coding, and working with hardware—all taught by real Googlers.
- Google and Code Next swag
- Your own Code Next email address
- The chance to get to know other students in the area also interested in technology and coding
- Mentorship and advisors — this is building your social capital!
- Opportunity to present your work to the broader Google community at our Demo Days
- A feature on the Code Next Students page ([as shown here](#))

## ***Who teaches in Code Next Labs?***

Real Googlers! That’s right--you get to meet Google employees and learn from them.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

### ***How does this work? Do I apply for individual programs?***

By choosing to apply through this application, you are applying **to be a member of the Code Next program**. You must be accepted through this application.

If you are accepted, you will have access to several courses and activities that we offer as a Code Next member. We organize them into two groups: “exposure-based” (basic introductions to computer science) and “immersion-based” (deeper, more practice-based coding). *As a member, you are eligible to enroll in any and all exposure-based programs, but will have to apply separately for our immersion-based programs.*

- Exposure-based programs (all open to 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders):
  - **Clubs** are seasonal programs that focus on one of three critical skills in computer science, engineering, or leadership. Clubs happen for approximately three months each—during the fall, winter, and spring. Club topics in the past have ranged from game design to robotics to wearable tech.
  - **Workshops** are one-day experiences that include exposure to computational thinking, making, design, and the misconceptions around computer science and the tech industry.

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- **Community Events** are enrichment programs that promote social capital building and cultural awareness. Some topics include Mental Health & Well-Being, College Readiness and Career Readiness.
- Immersion-based programs:
  - **Team Edge** (for any grade level) is a one-year program that starts in the summer and focuses on building critical skills in computer science & leadership, and includes 1:1 mentoring, and college readiness & career exploration.
  - **Launch** (for rising 11th and 12th graders) is another one-year program that starts in the summer and focuses on product development, entrepreneurship, and branding. By the end of the year, students will have created and launched their own product or web app.

## ***Can any student apply? Who is eligible for what programming?***

Any student in 8th through 11th grade and is at least 13 years of age at the time of completing the application can apply. Because this is a live, in-person program, you should live close to the lab you apply to.

Our application for our live labs will open April 7th 2025 at [g.co/codenext/labapp](https://g.co/codenext/labapp).

## ***Do students need prior coding experience?***

No! You can apply and become a member without any coding experience! In fact, much of our curriculum is designed for beginners so students can engage without any prior coding knowledge.

## **Application-Specific Questions**

### ***Do I just fill out an application, and that's it?***

We have a two-step application process.

<b>Phase 1:</b> Submit an Online Application through Submittable	<b>Phase 2:</b> Attend an in-person Design Challenge at the lab	<b>Acceptance</b> Into The Code Next Lab!
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First, you apply online, known as “Phase One”. If you are selected for “Phase Two”, you will be emailed inviting you to partake in a live, in-person design challenge. *You must participate in a design challenge in order for your application to be considered for admission into Code Next.*

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Once you have completed a design challenge, we will email you letting you know whether you've been accepted into the Code Next program.

## ***What does the application look like?***

Our team uses a platform called Submittable to receive all student applications. [Here](#) is a video of what it looks like to apply on Submittable. You will be required to sign up using an email address so that you can save your progress and complete your application. When applying, be sure to use a **personal** email address that you check frequently as we will only communicate with the email used in your initial application. If you are under 16, please ensure your parent/guardian is present with you while you fill out the online application.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- **Please refrain from using a school email address to apply as those frequently reject external emails and you will likely not be able to receive any email updates regarding your application.**
- **There are multiple steps to the application process but you will need to be sure to use the same personal email (and not a school email) throughout the entirety of the application process.**
- **Failure to use the same personal email throughout the process could result in being rejected from the program.**

## ***What email should I expect to receive communication from?***

During Phase 1 of the application process, you will receive an email from "[noreply-codenext@google.com](mailto:noreply-codenext@google.com)" on July 7th 2025 letting you know if you made it past Phase 1 or not.

If you move on to Phase 2, you will receive an additional email from "[no-reply-eventsatgoogle@google.com](mailto:no-reply-eventsatgoogle@google.com)" providing more details about Phase 2.

**\* Please be sure to add both of the email addresses listed above to your contacts to prevent the emails from going to your spam folder. Please do not email these email addresses asking for updates on your application as responses are not monitored.**

*Again, you must use the same personal email address for all phases of the application process. Failure to use the same email address throughout the process could result in your application being rejected.*

## ***What are the deadlines on submitting?***

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Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Make sure to apply before the application closing date!

- The application for the 2025-2026 academic year will open April 7, 2025 and close on June 30, 2025.

All required sections of the application must be completed and submitted by the deadline to be considered for membership.

## ***What if I cannot attend the Design Challenge but would like to stay in the admissions process?***

If you cannot attend the Design Challenge dates, but would like to stay in the process, you can submit a request to defer your application to a later timeline. Remember, attending the Design Challenge is required for all applicants.

## ***What if I want to make changes to my online application?***

Your work on each page can be saved and viewed later while in progress if you need to come back to it. Once your application is submitted, if you would like for your application or responses to be deleted, you can submit a written request to [codenext@google.com](mailto:codenext@google.com).

## ***How long does it take to complete an application?***

Most applications will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.