



**We accelerate your ideas.  
Together we build  
the future of Free Knowledge.**



## What is the UNLOCK Accelerator?

The UNLOCK Accelerator is committed to promoting solutions that make the world's knowledge more inclusive and accessible to all. To work towards this goal we believe in the power of open innovation and are looking for **impact-driven ideas** and concepts to support in our fully remote [accelerator program](#).

## How does it work?

We support open source software projects and non- technical projects under free licences throughout our [three-month program](#) and help you **turn your idea into a functional prototype**. We will match you with a coach for needs-oriented support, provide you with relevant input and expertise, and bring you together with peers and experts for exchange and collaboration. If needed, we offer financial support.

## Who can join?

The program is designed for change makers, activists, technologists and creative minds who believe in the power of collaboration and **want to shape the future of Free Knowledge** with us. We are looking for up to seven teams with daring concepts and bold perspectives. Here you can find the [requirements for participation](#).



## The challenge: (Re)building trust in the digital age

In light of the information overload the world is experiencing online and offline, both access to knowledge and the informed use of sources, information and data by users are being increasingly challenged.

We are calling for technical and non-technical solutions that help strengthen our foundations of trust in information and technology. Read more on our challenge here: [www.wikimedia.de/unlock/program/](http://www.wikimedia.de/unlock/program/)

### Application period April 1 – May 16

We want to get to know your team as well as your ideas. The application period runs until May 16, so don't be late!

### Kick-off July 1 – 2

Prepare for take-off! During the kick-off we want to get to know you better and prepare you for what is to come in the upcoming weeks.

### Sprint 2 August 9 – 13

Sharing is caring! This second working phase is dedicated to collaboration. We will work in cross-team working groups and bring external experts in to provide input and insights galore.

### Demo Day prep September 27 + October 4

Time to prepare for Demo Day! Joint rehearsals will give you the chance to practice your presentation and to receive feedback that will help you with the finishing touches.

### Outlook

Your journey has only just begun! Together we will discuss the possible next steps for your project.

### Selection process May 17 – June 15

Time to make a decision! Starting mid-May, our jury of experts will take a very close look at your applications.

### Sprint 1 July 5 – 10

Let's get to work! During the first intense working phase we will take a fast-paced look at your process of product development and figure out where you want to be by the end of the program.

### Sprint 3 September 13 – 17

Full steam ahead! During this intense working phase, we will join forces and fire on all cylinders with an output to match. This means cross-team collaborations and coach swap sessions to reach your goals.

### Demo Day October 6

Show time! At the Demo Day you will present the fully functioning prototype of your initial project idea to a live audience.

Find more detailed information on all dates and milestones on our website: [wikimedia.de/unlock/program/](http://wikimedia.de/unlock/program/)

### Apply now until May 16!

You have a creative solution that works towards (re)building trust in our digital society? You are ready to turn your concept into a functional product in record time? Head to the application form now to share your project idea with us and be a part of change!

Apply here: [wikimedia.de/en/unlock-application-form/](http://wikimedia.de/en/unlock-application-form/)

**More information: [wikimedia.de/unlock](http://wikimedia.de/unlock)**



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