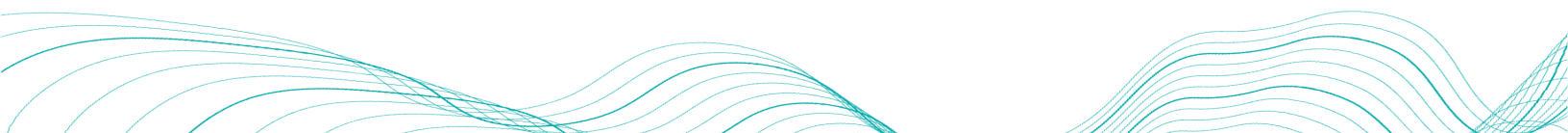# AI for Good Foundation

Volunteer Onboarding

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Who is AI for Good?

AI for Good is driving forward technological solutions that measure and advance the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. We create impact by bringing together a broad network of interdisciplinary researchers, nonprofits, governments, and corporate actors to identify, prototype, and scale solutions that engender positive change.

Founded in 2015 by a team of Machine Learning and Social Science Researchers in the US and Europe, AI for Good is headquartered in Berkeley, California with an international network of core team members, partners, and volunteers supporting our work. We're making sure the people who are driven to change the world have open access to the latest tools and technologies.

Mission & Values

- AI for Good is filling the space between government and the private sector to develop and deploy technology that can help solve real human challenges. As a nonprofit, we're motivated by doing the most good, not making the most money. To be able to do this, we often need volunteers to help us bring projects over the finish line on a tight budget.
- Our team of staff and volunteers believe that AI and broader technologies can be leveraged to accelerate progress toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We break rules and think outside the box to bring the best solutions, as fast as possible, to those who need them.
- While volunteer positions must be unpaid, we seek to ensure all volunteers benefit from helping us. Whether it be letters of recommendation, endorsement on LinkedIn, or joining our Council for Good, we believe it imperative to help in any way we can.

Organizational Structure

AI for Good Foundation has a handful of full-time staff members, approximately 30 part-time staff, and a network of more than 200 volunteers, interns, and fellows.

Many of our staff have started as unpaid interns and volunteers, and have grown with us through the years into full-time employees. latest tools and technologies.

How to Get Onboarded

Application Procedure
- All applications will be reviewed and those with appropriate interest, commitment and experience will be invited for an interview.
- The Director of Programs will communicate which team members will be working with the contract professional and what the reporting structure will be.
- The above steps do not apply to low-commitment volunteer opportunities.

Stipend Procedure
- Volunteers do not receive a monetary stipend. Upon completion of their contract, they receive various benefits for their participation on projects, such as (possible) letters of recommendation, resume context, networking opportunities, and unique hands-on experiences with AI or policy with industry professionals.

Communication Procedure
- When AI for Good onboards volunteers for medium or high integration with the organization, they will be invited to Slack and if necessary assigned an AI4good.org email by Admin.
- We have a volunteer mailing as needed: Volunteer@aiforgood email
- Volunteer FB Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/9916796115 98738/

External Partnership Opportunities

- We list both internal and external volunteer opportunities on our volunteer page. We receive requests from our partner organizations- members of our Council for Good, partners on previous projects, trusted and aligned nonprofits, etc.- and we provide them a platform for their volunteer opportunities.
- We have no further affiliation with these opportunities past providing their host organizations with a platform. All inquiries, applications, and questions should be directed to the external organization's contact listed within the opportunity.
- AI for Good volunteer "Perks" listed below do not apply to external opportunities.

Expectations

- Promotion of AI for Good values
  - No plagiarizing
  - No piracy
  - Integrity
  - Promotion of Ethics
  - Commitment to contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals

Responsibilities

- Low- Commitment Positions:
    - Tasks can be completed on a flexible timeline
    - Example: social media posts/reposts within a timespan (week, month, quarter, etc.)
- Medium-Commitment:
    - Contribute to small tasks and projects that have deadlines.
    - Examples:
        - Data Annotation
        - Finding relevant articles in literature for specific tasks
        - Finding & requesting data sets, etc.
- High-Commitment:
    - Attend meetings.
    - Regularly check Slack
    - Respond to messages and emails within 48 hours
    - Contribute to big projects

Volunteer Benefits

- Low-Commitment:
  - Volunteer Network access- FB page and events
  - Name listed on the website as a contributing member.
- Medium-Commitment:
  - Endorsement on LinkedIn pertaining to their relevant skillset
  - Coffee chats with anyone in our network
- High-Commitment:
  - Reference letter
  - Guaranteed mentor
  - Council for Good seat

About the AI for Good Foundation

AI for Good pursues the creation of technical capabilities, infrastructure, research communities, policy frameworks, and implementation to ensure Artificial Intelligence is used in the right place at the right time to accelerate progress toward the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The Foundation was created in 2015 and operates globally, with public charity registrations in the United States (501c3) and Europe. For further information, please visit https://ai4good.org or email info@ai4good.org.

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