



About Scratch

Scratch is the world's largest coding community for children and a coding language with a simple visual interface that allows young people to create digital stories, games, and animations. Scratch is designed, developed, and moderated by the [Scratch Foundation](#), a nonprofit organization. At the Scratch Foundation, our mission is to provide young people with digital tools and opportunities to imagine, create, share, and learn. We promote computational thinking and problem-solving skills; creative teaching and learning; self-expression and collaboration; and equity in computing.

About the SEC and Applying to be in a Cohort

What is the Scratch Education Collaborative?

The Scratch Education Collaborative (SEC) is a program that supports and engages participating organizations from around the world in a two-year, collaborative cohort experience to strengthen their organization's understanding and implementation of equitable creative coding using Scratch and ScratchJr.

SEC participants engage in a series of collaborative learning experiences that are co-developed and co-facilitated by Scratch and SEC partner organizations as they work to create a self-sustaining community of practice and establish models for equity-centered creative coding resources.



What is expected of participating organizations?

SEC participating organizations will:

- Participate in monthly, synchronous learning experiences, including workshops, chats, and 1:1 check-ins with Scratch team members to help increase their impact and build global connections.
- Create at least one original or a remixed creative learning or creative coding resource that will be shared online by the Scratch team.
- Connect, collaborate, and co-design with SEC peer organizations. We encourage and support SEC organizations imagining, creating, and sharing their work with the communities they serve as a way to deepen their impact and scale their work.
- Engage in knowledge sharing with Scratch, including participating in case studies, surveys, and testimonials.

What are the benefits of being an SEC Participant?

- Access to a global network of thought-leaders and cutting-edge organizations in the creative coding space.
- Exclusive sessions with experts from Scratch, MIT, Lifelong Kindergarten, and more.
- Access to the SEC community where hundreds of operators, entrepreneurs and coding educators share ideas, resources and actively collaborate.
- Access to funding opportunities.

How do I apply?

- Applicants can access the application by visiting www.Scratch.mit.edu/sec. Applications **open January 3, 2024 and close March 15, 2024**
- Applications include short answer questions and opportunities to upload documents to share more about your organization's creative coding programs and activities
- Organizations that move forward from the initial application will be invited to complete a synchronous, virtual interview with the Scratch Foundation team before final decisions are made

What is the evaluation criteria?

Organizations must provide demonstrable evidence of the following:

- Working with marginalized communities
- Structured as a non-profit, social enterprise or school that serves marginalized groups
- Align to SEC's Vision
- Already be using Scratch or ScratchJr and have the capability to support the implementation of equitable creative coding resources in their programming with the target communities they support
- Applicants may be asked to provide references or additional supporting documentation to verify their eligibility

Who can I contact for questions?

Please email programs@scratch.mit.edu we look forward to hearing from you!

Learn more about SEC program participants from around the world:

- [SEC Stories from Around the World: STEAMLabs Africa](#)
- [SEC Stories from Around the World: Pi Jam Foundation](#)
- [SEC Stories from Around the World: New York Hall of Science](#)

