

ICANN62 Call for Nominations

ICANN Community Onboarding Pilot Program Call for Nominations by SOs/ACs

ICANN is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Community Onboarding Pilot (COP) Program for ICANN62. The COP seeks to improve ICANN community newcomer engagement and retention rates through mentorship and knowledge and experience sharing.

Interested Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) – and their relevant stakeholder groups and constituencies- should nominate two representatives: one individual shall serve in the role of mentor and the other in the role of mentee.

The program defines a mentor as an experienced member of the community best suited to share knowledge of and experience in ICANN. A mentee is defined as a relatively new member of the community who has demonstrated both the potential and desire to actively engage and participate in ICANN's advice and policymaking activities.

The COP can accommodate up to three participants from each community, although funding for the third individual shall be secured through alternate sources, not the COP.

The two primary nominees will receive travel, lodging, and per diem for 25 - 28 June in Panama.

Both the process and the decisions concerning the selection of program participants will be determined by each respective community. COP participants are expected to contribute in the following ways:

- Actively participate in calls and discussions leading up to ICANN62
- Attend face-to-face meeting in Panama City
- Develop materials and tools to support community newcomers
- Engage in capacity development activities
- Share knowledge and experience

SOs and ACs must submit their nominations to OnboardingProgram@icann.org no later than **Monday, 16 April 2018, 23:59 UTC**. Individual nominations will not be considered.