Illuminating Pathways for Our Future Innovators

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Mainframes have a discovery problem.
Software Discovery Tool

- 5 mentees
- 3 summers
- 2 are now on the project TSC
- 1 became a mentor themselves
Diversity opportunities
Talent! Contributors!
Tips for mentors

• Solve any logistical/access problems prior to the beginning of the mentorship
• Have a clearly defined project that has a clear goal which can be accomplished in 12 weeks
  – Side quests are good too! Small wins build confidence.
• Meet with your mentees at least weekly
• Have mentees document what they've done each week, this becomes a valuable resource for everyone for mid-terms, final projects, etc.
Tips for mentees

- It's a very competitive program, tailor your application to the project.
- Visit the project before final mentorship decisions are made:
  - Join a meeting and introduce yourself.
  - Reply to a code review, or issue.
- Don’t be afraid to ask your mentor for help and guidance, especially if you’re struggling, that’s what they’re there for.
- Notify your mentor if you feel like you’re getting off-track so they can help, or adjust project parameters.
Open Mainframe Project Mentorship Program
https://openmainframeproject.org/community/mentorship-program/

LFX Mentorships
https://lfx.linuxfoundation.org/tools/mentorship
Thank you!