



MAC ADMINS FOUNDATION

About the Mac Admins Foundation

Executive Summary

Founded by a group of community volunteers in 2021, the Mac Admins Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created to advance the global community of people who manage Apple devices at large and small scale. The Foundation's [all-volunteer Board of Directors](#) and network of community volunteers work to accomplish its mission in numerous ways:

- Fostering the connections among Mac Admins around the globe;
- Sharing knowledge and resources for members' ongoing professional growth;
- Preserving collected knowledge for the benefit of others;
- Building a welcoming and accessible organization to expand the profession;
- Providing for the use of community tools (such as the Mac Admins Slack workspace);
- Protecting the independence of the community;
- Maintaining affordable access to all community resources, regardless of economic status

The Foundation funds projects that further these goals through a combination of corporate sponsorship, community membership, and merchandise sales.

Flagship Projects

The Mac Admins Foundation runs numerous projects to benefit the community, including:

The Mac Admins Slack

Taking over financial responsibility for the Mac Admins Slack provided the original impetus for incorporating the Mac Admins Foundation. With a worldwide community of over 80,000 professionals, the Slack provides an independent meeting place for IT professionals, vendors, and friends to connect and provide support and expert guidance to one another. Thanks to generous support from corporate sponsors and community contributors, the Slack instance remains freely accessible by all, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Conference Attendance and Speaker Grants

The Mac Admins Foundation believes that in-person networking and learning provides enormous opportunities for personal and professional development in an IT career, and plans to continue aggressively supporting professional development along this path.

To this end, the Foundation partners with the [Macadmins Conference at Penn State](#), [MacAd.UK](#), and [MacSysAdmin](#) conferences to provide tickets, and to underwrite attendance expenses for qualified first-time conference attendees.

Starting in 2025, the Foundation worked with the Macadmins Conference at Penn State to introduce the [Charles S. Edge New Speakers Grant](#), working with the conference team to help develop and mentor new conference speakers in order to develop rising talent and strengthen the community.

Mentorship

The Foundation is actively working with community volunteers to develop [a mentorship program](#) with the goal of nurturing talent and facilitating career advancement among mentees looking for knowledge, experience, and growth. The preliminary round of Mentorship began in November 2024 and ran through the first quarter of 2025. A new cohort kicked-off in [January 2026](#) and will continue to grow.

Mac Admins Open Source (MAOS)

The Foundation provides guidance and funding for the [Mac Admins Open Source](#) team, who maintain and support code-signing for open source projects deemed critical to the larger community managing Apple device platforms.

Apple Certification Scholarship Program

In its inaugural project, the Foundation partnered with Apple to distribute exam vouchers for Apple's Support and Deployment certification exams allowing at no cost to test takers.

Projects in Progress

The Mac Admins Foundation has numerous additional projects in progress:

Community Membership Program

In late 2025, the Mac Admins Foundation ran its first membership drive for individual contributors, encouraging members who have benefitted from the community to contribute back via tax-deductible donations.

Slack Community Survey

The Foundation engaged outside professionals to survey the Mac Admins community regarding administration and moderation practices in the Slack in order to help improve the community experience.

Slack Administration Team Moderation Training

The Foundation offers moderator training to Slack instance administrators in order to improve their skills and understanding, and to stage a pipeline of future administrators.

Regional Events and Meetups Development

The Foundation runs a task force to offer support to local and regionally-based meetup groups as a way of facilitating professional development of and relationships among Apple professionals on a local level.

Projects in Development

The Mac Admins Foundation has numerous additional projects under discussion and in development.

Vertical Job Market Review

The Foundation is developing a project to survey and report on the job market for Apple IT professionals and for hiring organizations. The project seeks to contextualize the Apple IT vertical as part of the larger IT profession, and to provide information to help technical professionals and managers understand, recruit, and develop team members and leaders. The foundation is actively seeking sponsors to support this work.

Industry Working Groups

The Foundation is actively exploring opportunities to bring its sponsors and its community together to exchange feedback, information, and ideas, ultimately aiming to provide opportunities to amplify the voices of both the community and its sponsors and provide productive forums for all parties to learn from one another.

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