Progressive Bitcoiner Research Grant

Supporting Research into Bitcoin's role in economic justice, financial inclusion, or environmental sustainability

1. Overview

The Progressive Bitcoiner Organization is pleased to announce the **Progressive Bitcoiner Research Grant**, designed to support early career researchers exploring topics adjacent to Bitcoin with a progressive, social, or environmental focus.

This grant aims to provide financial assistance to individuals conducting research, developing datasets, working on technical projects, or seeking to present their findings at academic and industry conferences. We believe that Bitcoin has the potential to contribute positively to economic justice, financial inclusion, and environmental sustainability, and we want to support and highlight research that advances these ideas.

2. Eligibility

- Open to researchers worldwide, provided applicants are legally able to receive funds in their jurisdiction.

- Applicants may be independent researchers, high school students, college students, early-career professionals, or those affiliated with research organizations.

- The research topic must be relevant to Bitcoin and incorporate an aspect or analysis of progressive values, social justice, or environmental impact.

- Applicants must demonstrate how they will use the grant to further their research project or educational opportunity.

- We especially encourage applications from individuals and communities historically underrepresented in academic and technology spaces, including women, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and first-generation students.

3. Grant Award & Funding Details

- Each award will be made in the size of 1,000,000 sats (0.01 BTC). Up to five awards will be made in the initial round, subject to available funding. For compliance and tax reporting purposes, the award amount will also be recorded in its USD equivalent at the time of disbursement. Recipients must provide a valid Bitcoin wallet address to receive the award.

- Funds may be used for:
    o Research expenses (materials, data acquisition, hardware, software, etc.).
    o Travel to present findings at conferences or events.
    o Publication costs for research papers or articles.
    o Development of open-access datasets or technical projects.
    o Computer science projects that need to use on-chain bitcoin.

- Recipients will receive funds in a lump sum, with no restrictions beyond using them for the stated purpose.

4. Application Process

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **A short essay, proposal, or abstract (1,000–1,500 words)** detailing:
   o   The research or project's purpose.
   o   How it relates to Bitcoin and aligns with progressive, social justice, or environmental themes.
   o   What they hope to achieve and how the grant will assist them.
2. **A brief biography, resume, or CV** outlining affiliations and relevant experience.
3. **(Optional) Letters of support or recommendations** from a teacher, professor, or professional in the field.

Submission Deadline – OCTOBER 31ST, 2025

5. Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- **Relevance** – How well the research aligns with Bitcoin and economic justice, financial inclusion, and environmental sustainability.
- **Feasibility** – The likelihood that the research or project can be successfully completed by the applicant with the requested funding.
- **Originality & Innovation** – The uniqueness of the research or project within the Bitcoin ecosystem.
- **Perceived Impact –** Is the research or project likely to have a real-world impact on communities by using bitcoin as a tool for social good?

The **Progressive Bitcoiner Grant Committee**, composed of members of the Progressive Bitcoiner Organization and subject-matter experts, will review all applications.

6. Expectations & Deliverables

- Grant recipients should provide a **brief progress update** within six months of receiving funding along with a summary of how the funds were actually used.
- If applicable, recipients may be invited to share their findings through a written report, blog post, podcast, or presentation at a Progressive Bitcoiner event.
- Recipients are encouraged, but not required, to publish research in open-access formats.
- We would like to publish some of your results in an article format on our website.
- Recipients are encouraged to share research progress updates and results on social media.

7. Legal & Financial Considerations

- The Progressive Bitcoiner, Inc., a U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Massachusetts, administers this program. Grants must be used for charitable purposes only and not for lobbying or campaign activity. The organization will record USD values for all awards. International recipients are responsible for compliance with local laws and taxes. All applicants will be screened under U.S. law, including OFAC sanctions regulations.

8. Contact & More Information

For questions or further details, please contact us at hello@progressivebitcoiner.org or visit https://progressivebitcoiner.org