



Rust Maintainers Fund

Keeping the Rust Project maintained
so you can focus on building reliable software

Why?



Maintenance is the groundwork that is crucial for Rust's sustainability, its pace of development, and to attract new contributors.

Historically, Rust's maintainers have faced high workloads and burnout. Right now, there's a significant decline in maintenance positions at corporations, already resulting in noticeable delays in the development of Rust.

We need to find new ways to create job security and **stable work environments** for maintainers, allowing you to continue relying on Rust to build reliable software.

What?



The **Rust Maintainers Fund** is dedicated to creating paid positions for general maintenance, in support of Rust's maintainers.

- Low overhead: over 90% of funding will flow to maintainers
- Single purpose: providing compensation to maintainers

The fund's target is to raise a **total of €1.5M**, covering 2026 and 2027 (€750k/year).

Fully funded, RustNL will employ **6 full-time maintainers** and offer **6 internships per year** to mentor talented new contributors.

Sponsorship levels



Platinum sponsor

€ 375 000 / year

- Support Rust maintenance
- 8x expert session
- Headline sponsor All-Hands
- Custom half-yearly impact reports

Gold sponsor

€ 150 000 / year

- Support Rust maintenance
- 4x expert session
- Half-yearly impact report

Silver sponsor

€ 75 000 / year

- Support Rust maintenance
- 2x expert session
- Half-yearly impact report

Use **expert sessions** to connect with Rust maintainers, discuss designs and (pre-)RFCs, and unblock your upstream work.

Additional sponsorship levels available from €5.000 and up

Who we are



RustNL is a non-profit that strives to promote Rust and support its maintainers across the globe.

We're an Associate Member of the Rust Foundation.

RustNL is led by board members Mara Bos and Erik Jonkers, who both have a strong track record of guiding talented individuals to become valuable members of successful tech teams.



Mara Bos

Rust leadership council,
board member of RustNL,
and founder of Hexcat



Erik Jonkers

Chair of RustNL & Trifecta
Tech Foundation, and
founder of Tweede golf

We're dedicated to the Rust Project



Rust All Hands

RustNL's RustWeek is the host of the 2025 and 2026 Rust All Hands, showing both our **dedication** to the the project as well as our **strong connections** to its leadership and team members.

Interested?

Interested in supporting Rust maintainers through our fund?

Let's talk!

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