

# **Apply for the Oaklash Skills for Nightlife Accelerator Program (O-SNAP!)**

Oaklash's Skills for Nightlife Accelerator Program (O-SNAP!) makes direct and actionable our mission to platform queer artists. By giving our community access to education and resources for engaging professionally in the Bay Area's vibrant nightlife and performance circles we strengthen our systems of support and camaraderie in a time when both are much needed.

Our first cohort will select 4/5 local DJs, providing them with the holistic instruction, skills and mentorship necessary to thrive as a creative force in nightlife. Consisting of three (3) work sessions, a public panel discussion, office hours with open

decks, and a final showcase, O-SNAP! is designed for queer and trans learners with limited experience behind the decks or producing events. O-SNAP! seeks to transform curiosity and drive into fully realized programming that benefits all queer and trans persons seeking community in the cultural hub of the San Francisco Bay.

Selected participants will receive a \$200 stipend, hands-on coaching in events promotion, collaboration, and networking, as well as the practical hard-skills required to become a proficient DJ and events producer. Guided by prominent, experienced instructors representing many sectors of the nightlife industry, the cohort will develop technique and unique sensibility, employing these newly developed skills to produce an original event as a team.

The schedule for cohort 1 is as follows:

- Fri, September 1, 2023: [Request for applications](#)
- Tues, September 12, 2023: Applications close (11:59pm)
  - After screening for eligibility, selection will be done randomly though applicants who also identify as Queer or Trans BIPOC will be prioritized.
- Fri, September 15, 2023: Selected applicants notified of acceptance
- Weds, September 27, 2023: Work Session 1, Nectar Social Club (6:30pm-8:30pm)
- Weds, October 4, 2023: Work Session 2, Nectar Social Club (6:30pm-8:30pm)
- Weds, October 11, 2023: Public Panel, Counter Pulse (7pm-9pm)
- Weds, October 18, 2023: Work Session 3, Nectar Social Club (6:30pm-8:30pm)
- Fri, October 20, 2023: Final Showcase, Nectar Social Club (10pm-2am)

Members of cohort 1 must be at least 21 years old, are expected to attend each of the above dates, and must possess a laptop with either Rekordbox or Serato installed.

Additionally, You must live in one of these Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

You must be a US citizen, however, if you are undocumented or have other restrictions to receiving funding but may receive funds through another adult you are eligible to apply.

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