



# Get Involved with the Ceph Ambassador Program

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# What Is the Ceph Ambassador Program?



The Ceph Ambassador Program recognizes individuals who:

- Actively participate in community activities
- Help others understand Ceph
- Organize and support local events
- Serve as liaisons to adjacent Open Source communities

Ambassadors:

- Represent Ceph regionally
- Support users functionally and socially
- Advocate upstream values
- Bring local insight back to leadership

# Who we are?

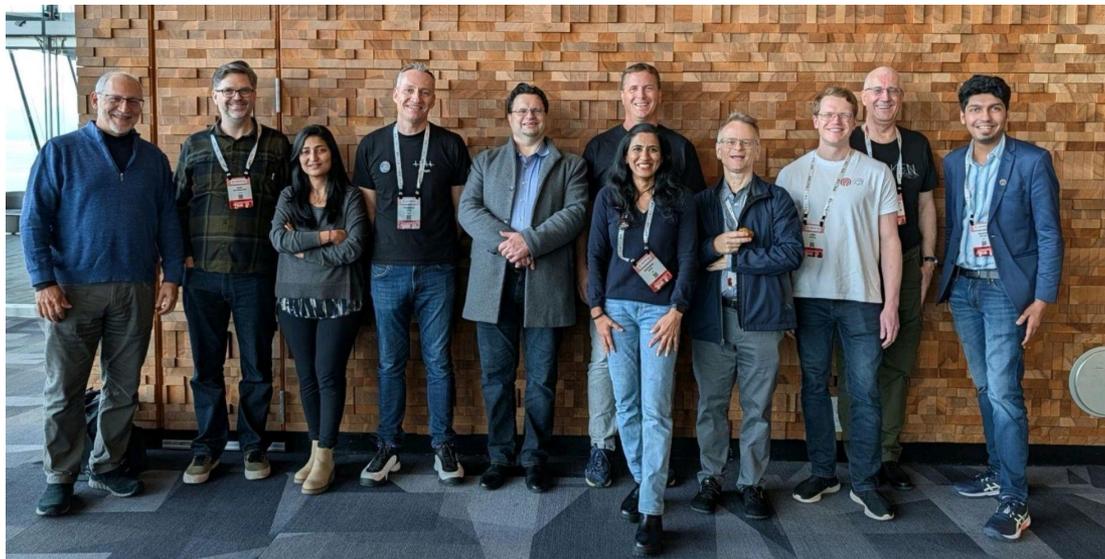
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A distributed group of:

- Operators
- Architects
- Contributors
- Community builders

Active across:

- APAC
- EMEA
- North America
- LATAM



# Why the Ceph Ambassador Program Matters in 2026



Ceph is global.

Ceph users are everywhere.

But community growth happens locally.

The Ambassador Program exists to:

- Extend the reach of the Ceph Foundation
- Support regional community building
- Connect operators, users, and contributors
- Create feedback loops between users and leadership

# Core Goals of the Program

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## 1. Build Regional Communities

- a. Organize Ceph Days & meetups
- b. Grow local operator networks

## 2. Amplify User Voices

- a. Collect user stories
- b. Promote user surveys

## 3. Increase Ceph Visibility

- a. Social media advocacy
- b. Cross-community collaboration (OpenInfra, Kubernetes, etc.)

## 4. Support Upstream Engagement

- a. Encourage contributor onboarding
- b. University outreach
- c. GSoC mentorship support

# How Ceph Ambassadors Create Impact



Ambassadors drive impact by:

- Connecting local users to the Ceph Foundation
- Identifying emerging use cases
- Spotting regional growth opportunities

# What We Learned in 2025



From recent Ambassador meetings:

## **Ambassadors want:**

- Standardized event materials
- Clearer pathways for funding
- More user-focused programming
- Better communication tooling

This is shaping our 2026 roadmap.

# What Ambassadors Receive

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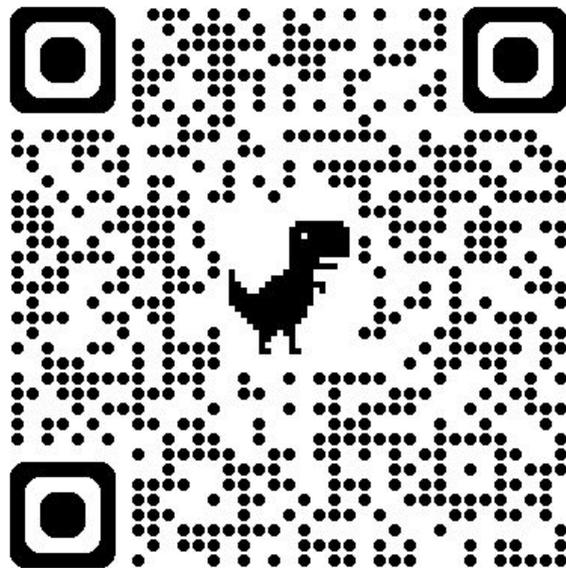
- Recognition by the Ceph project
- Regional visibility
- Direct access to leadership channels
- Event support & guidance
- Potential funding support for approved initiatives

# Ceph Foundation Funding Request

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The Ceph Foundation aims to support funding for Ceph-related projects and activities within the community.

Not all requests are approved, but they are reviewed by the Ceph Foundation Governing Board.



# What We're Looking For in New Ambassadors



We're looking for people who:

- Are active in their region
- Want to organize events
- Can engage users and operators
- Care about strengthening upstream community

You do NOT need to:

- Be a top code contributor
- Work for a vendor
- Be a speaker already

You do need:

- Initiative
- Reliability
- Regional presence

# How to Get Involved



Reach out to the Ambassador leadership team

Share:

- Region
- Experience
- Proposed contribution

Start small:

- Host a meetup
- Write a blog
- Collect a user story
- Help organize a Ceph Day - visit [ceph.io/en/community/events](https://ceph.io/en/community/events)

# Join the Ceph Community Database

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- Scan the QR code to join our new Ceph Community Database (Airtable).
- Let's keep Ceph's momentum powered by people together.



# 2026 Call to Action



We need:

- 3–5 new user stories per region
- Increased university outreach
- More Ceph Days in emerging regions
- Clearer collaboration with adjacent ecosystems

If you care about Ceph's growth — this is your entry point.

# Final Message

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Ceph grows because people invest in it.

Ambassadors are that investment.

If you want to shape how Ceph is represented in your region —join us!



# Thank You

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My job is Community, and my passion is helping others.

