

LB Co-Lab Innovator in Residence

Location: Long Beach, CA

Time Commitment: 1 to 3 hours per week for 24 months (Spring 2025 - Spring 2027)

Compensation: \$4,000 stipend + as-needed expenses (transportation, childcare, technology)

What You'll Achieve

- Lead neighborhood improvement projects that will directly impact Long Beach communities before the 2028 Olympics.
- Advocate for the needs of Long Beach residents to ensure projects are built by - and for - the people most affected by them.
- Expand LB Co-Lab's presence through local storytelling, building community ties, and identifying new partnership opportunities.
- Design, implement, and measure the impact of real neighborhood improvement solutions like:
 - Public wi-fi at parks
 - Smart traffic analysis systems
 - People-counting technology
 - Smart lighting systems
 - Learn more about previous LB Co-Lab projects [here](#)

Your Impact

- Bridge the gap between city government and local communities.
- Uplift underserved neighborhoods to directly influence the development of solutions.
- Leverage your experience, expertise, and community connections to create lasting quality of life improvements that will benefit Long Beach residents through and beyond the 2028 Olympics.
- Build a network of government, technology, and community contacts.

Professional Development

- Gain hands-on experience in:
 - Project management
 - Community engagement
 - Service design (creating better services)
 - User experience / UX (improving interactions)
 - Human-centered design (designing with people's needs in mind)
 - Government partnerships
 - Storytelling
- Receive coaching and mentorship from city technology leaders through the LB Co-Lab program phases.
- Build a portfolio of real-world civic tech projects.

Basic Requirements

- Long Beach resident
- 18 or older
- Interest or experience in technology and community improvement
- Commitment to participate throughout the program's 24 months

Perfect for You If

- You want to make a real difference in your community.
- You're interested in getting to the root of hard problems and learning how human-centered technology can solve key issues.
- You enjoy connecting with diverse groups of people.
- You care about equity, sustainability, and inclusivity.
- You want to gain practical experience in civic innovation.

There are no specific education or language requirements – we welcome diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

Time Commitment

- LB Co-Lab will run for 24 months from Spring 2025 to Spring 2027
 - First 12 months: Up to 3 hours / week, spent on the following activities:
 - Attend 5 workshops and 1 'Demo Day' event
 - Participate in 5 data collection, research, and writing activities
 - Join regular project meetings
 - Second 12 months: up to 1 hour / week, spent on the following activities:
 - Attend 2 workshops
 - Participate in 5 research and writing activities
 - Join regular project meetings
- Flexible scheduling is available with advance notice
- Mix of in-person and remote activities

To Apply

- By Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, fill out this form: [Innovator-in-Residence Application Form](#)

Questions?

- Contact Ryan Welch, Ryan.Welch@Longbeach.gov, Phone – 562-570-7002

Make your mark on Long Beach's future while developing professional skills and connections in civic technology. Join us in creating lasting positive change for our community!