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Aventus Fellowship Program

Grant funding and practical support for teams building on Aventus

About Aventus

Aventus has been building blockchain infrastructure since 2017. Our work began in ticketing and expanded into enterprise applications across industries including energy, loyalty and supply chains. Today, we help businesses build their own appchains and connect them to Aventus Cloud, our community-operated decentralized compute network.

Along the way, we have experienced the demands of building a business in this industry: developing the technology, finding the right partners, earning a community's trust and continuing through difficult markets. The Aventus Fellowship Program brings that experience to founders preparing to build something of their own.

Why we are supporting new teams

A strong idea deserves a serious opportunity to become a working business. Getting there involves decisions that many founders are making for the first time. Choosing the technology, planning development, finding funding, reaching potential customers and assembling the right team can all compete for attention before a product has even launched.

We want to help promising teams through those early stages.

Aventus Cloud went live on mainnet in April 2026, creating a shared network that connected projects can use for decentralized compute and verification. With around 2,500 node licences sold and sales continuing, we have established a revenue stream that gives us an opportunity to support further development across the ecosystem.

Through the Fellowship Program, we intend to direct a portion of that revenue toward credible founders and businesses building appchains on Aventus. Selected teams will receive milestone-based grant funding alongside technical guidance, marketing support, community access and relevant commercial introductions.

There is a clear reason for Aventus to do this. Businesses that build useful products bring new applications and activity to the ecosystem. Projects that use Aventus Cloud create work for its node operators and participate in the network's economic model. Supporting those businesses is part of developing the network itself.

Our interest is in helping teams establish businesses that can continue growing after their initial grant has been spent.

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Building an appchain with Aventus

An appchain is a blockchain designed around a particular application or business. It gives a team greater control over how its product operates, including its business logic, transaction rules, fees and governance.

Aventus appchains are built using Substrate, the modular blockchain framework within the Polkadot SDK. Teams can combine existing components with custom functionality and update their chain's runtime as their requirements develop.

For founders, the practical benefits include:

Infrastructure shaped around the product.

The design can reflect the application's requirements, rather than forcing the business to work around a fixed environment. We will help teams assess which features belong onchain, what needs to remain elsewhere and which technical choices are justified by the product they intend to build.

Access to community-operated compute.

An appchain can connect to Aventus Cloud for functions such as obtaining external data, checking information submitted between systems and executing custom business logic. Teams can use an existing operator network for supported workloads, reducing the need to recruit and coordinate a separate compute network themselves.

A security model appropriate to the application.

Aventus appchains can operate with their own validators or be deployed as Polkadot parachains. The parachain route provides access to Polkadot's shared security. This is an architectural choice: connecting to Aventus Cloud does not, by itself, give an independent chain Polkadot's consensus security. We will help teams understand the available options, their costs and their responsibilities before deciding on a deployment approach.

Founders do not need to arrive with every technical decision already made. Part of the program's purpose is to help them turn a credible business proposal into a sensible development plan.

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What selected teams can expect

The support package will be agreed around each team's stage of development, its existing capabilities and the work needed to bring its product to market.

Technical and product support

We will work with teams to define the appchain's requirements, assess the proposed architecture and plan its development.

Support can include technical guidance, development assistance, Aventus Cloud integration and preparation for testing and deployment. The scope of that work will be established at the outset, including what Aventus will contribute and what the founding team remains responsible for delivering.

We will also help founders examine the product itself: what the first version needs to do, which assumptions need testing and how to avoid spending limited time and funding on features that do not yet serve a clear purpose.

Security reviews, ongoing infrastructure requirements and any specialist third-party work will be identified during planning, so teams understand what is needed beyond the initial build.

Business guidance and mentoring

A founder may understand a problem deeply without having experience in every part of building a company.

We will help teams examine their business model, identify their first customers, develop a realistic route to market and prepare for commercial conversations. That may involve refining the proposition, reviewing pricing assumptions, prioritizing partnerships or deciding what evidence is needed before seeking further funding.

The aim is to give founders people they can work through difficult decisions with, while keeping responsibility for the business in the hands of its team.

Marketing and launch support

We will help teams explain their product clearly and reach the people most likely to use it.

Depending on the project, this can include positioning and messaging, content planning, social media and community communications, launch preparation, co-marketing and relevant media opportunities.

Support will be connected to what the team is actually ready to deliver. A prototype seeking feedback, a business preparing a pilot and a product ready for public launch each require a different approach.

We want the attention a project receives to help it make progress: attracting useful feedback, finding early users, opening commercial conversations and building a reputation it can sustain.

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An introduction to the Aventus community

Our community has supported Aventus through years of development and change. We value the trust behind that relationship and recognize how much it can mean to a new team finding its feet.

Selected projects will have opportunities to introduce their founders, demonstrate their products, answer questions and hear directly from people already participating in the ecosystem. This may include community discussions, product demonstrations, testing opportunities and shared updates through Aventus channels.

Participation gives a team somewhere to begin building relationships. Trust and adoption will develop through the quality of its product, its communication and its delivery.

Partnerships, business development and funding introductions

We will use our relationships to help selected teams meet relevant people across the industry.

This can include introductions to potential customers, commercial partners, technology providers, venture capital firms and angel investors. We can also help teams prepare their materials and approach those conversations with a clearer understanding of what they need.

Where a project's business model includes a token, support may extend to exchange introductions and preparation for listing discussions.

These opportunities will depend on the project's readiness and the relevance of the relationship. Investment, partnerships and exchange listings remain decisions for the organizations involved; participation in the program does not guarantee any of those outcomes.

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How grant funding will work

Funding will be provided as a grant to support agreed development work, rather than as an investment in the participating company.

The grant itself will not give Aventus DAO an equity position or an investment interest in the business. Its purpose is to help a selected team build and launch an appchain within the Aventus ecosystem.

Awards will be assessed individually. The proposed business, development requirements, team capabilities and available program resources will determine the support offered.

Before funding begins, Aventus and the selected team will agree on a delivery plan covering the scope of work, budget, milestones, expected evidence of completion and payment schedule.

Funding will be released in stages against those agreed milestones. Depending on the project, milestones might cover a working prototype, a testnet deployment, an Aventus Cloud integration, a customer pilot or preparation for a production launch. These are examples, rather than a fixed sequence every team must follow.

Each stage should produce something that can be reviewed. The evidence required will be appropriate to the work: functioning software, test results, technical documentation, a demonstrated integration or findings from an agreed pilot.

Teams will be expected to use funding for its agreed purpose and communicate openly about progress, delays and changes. Where a material change is necessary, the delivery plan and any remaining funding will be reviewed before further commitments are made.

Grant conditions and network participation terms will be explained separately. Any appchain operating costs or arrangements for rewarding Aventus Cloud node operators will be disclosed and agreed before a team commits. A development grant should not leave founders uncertain about the ongoing obligations of running their appchain.

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What we are looking for

We welcome proposals from founders developing an initial concept, teams with a prototype and businesses preparing to bring an existing product onto an appchain.

A finished product is not required to begin a conversation. Before awarding funding, however, we need a credible basis for believing that the team can build a useful product and establish a viable business around it.

A clearly understood problem.

Tell us who the product is for, what those people or businesses need and how they deal with that need today. We want to understand why they would choose your product and what would make it worth continuing to use.

A credible business model.

Explain how the business will operate, reach customers and support itself over time. Early assumptions can change, but they should be explicit and testable. Where a token is part of the proposal, its purpose should follow from the product and its economics.

Founders with the ability and commitment to deliver.

We will assess the team's relevant experience, knowledge of its market, capacity to execute and understanding of its own gaps. Previous work, prototypes, customer conversations and pilot relationships can all help demonstrate that capability.

A first-time founder should be able to make a strong case through preparation, subject knowledge and evidence of progress.

A meaningful role for Aventus.

The proposal should explain why an appchain is appropriate and how the project would use Aventus infrastructure. We will examine that fit together, including any proposed use of Aventus Cloud.

A realistic plan and willingness to be accountable.

We expect a considered development budget, achievable milestones and honest communication. Teams should be prepared to explain what they have delivered, how funding has been used and what they have learned when an assumption proves wrong.

We will also consider the project's security, legal and operational requirements as part of due diligence. Any issues that could materially affect delivery need to be understood before funding is committed.

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From proposal to launch

1. Introduce the project

Submit an overview of the business, the founding team, the intended users and the proposed product. Include any work completed so far, why you believe Aventus is a suitable home for the appchain and the support you need next.

A pitch deck, product demonstration or technical outline can help, but the proposal should make the business understandable without relying on presentation alone.

2. Discuss the business and complete review

Shortlisted teams will be invited to present their proposal and discuss it with Aventus.

We will examine the business model, technical feasibility, team credibility, development requirements and ecosystem fit. Relevant due diligence will take place before a funding decision.

This is also the team's opportunity to understand how we work and whether the support available meets its needs.

3. Agree on the grant and support plan

For selected projects, we will agree on the scope of support, responsibilities, milestones and funding schedule.

The written agreement will distinguish grant funding from technical assistance, marketing support and any separate infrastructure or network arrangements. Teams should know what they are receiving, what they are expected to deliver and how progress will be assessed.

4. Build, review and prepare for market

Teams will work toward their agreed milestones with support from Aventus. Reviews will assess delivery, identify obstacles and determine the next stage of funding.

As the product becomes ready, support will move toward testing, community engagement, relevant introductions and launch preparation. The balance of technical and commercial assistance will follow the needs of the project.

Bringing your proposal to Aventus

Your proposal should give us a clear picture of the business you want to build and the work required to get it started.

Explain the problem, show us what you know about your intended customers and introduce the people who will deliver the product. Include a realistic development plan and tell us where funding, technical assistance or commercial support would make the greatest difference.

You do not need to have every answer before approaching us. We do expect you to have thought seriously about the business and to be ready to work through the unanswered questions.

Tell us what you want to build, who needs it and what is holding you back.