

Week 1: Orientation & Research

Weekly Objective

Introduce fellows to the THiNK Fellowship Program, establish expectations, onboard participants into the THiNK ecosystem, and help fellows refine their project scope and implementation roadmap.

Week 1 focuses on helping fellows understand the fellowship journey while validating that every project has a clear problem statement, achievable objectives, and an implementation strategy.

Session Agenda

Fellowship Orientation

- Welcome to THiNK
- Introduction to the Fellowship Program
- Fellowship objectives
- Program timeline
- Fellowship tracks
- Operating model
- Weekly milestones
- Roles and responsibilities
- Communication channels

Meet the Team

- Program Lead
- Fellowship Coordinator
- Mentors
- Technical Review Team

Fellow Introductions

Each fellow introduces:

- Personal background
- Technical interests
- Previous experience
- Learning goals

Project Introductions

Each fellow presents:

- Problem statement
- Target users
- Proposed solution
- Current project status
- Technology stack
- Expected fellowship outcomes

Track Activities

Track A – Solution Deployment

- Technical audit of existing solution
- API readiness review
- Deployment readiness assessment
- Security baseline review
- Integration planning

Track B – Solution Build

- Problem refinement
- System architecture design
- Technology stack selection
- MVP definition
- Development roadmap
- Sprint planning

Mentor Activities

Mentors should:

- Meet assigned fellows

- Review project scope
- Validate technical approach
- Agree on weekly milestones
- Identify early project risks
- Schedule recurring mentor meetings

Weekly Deliverables

By the end of Week 1, fellows should submit:

- Approved project scope
- Problem statement
- Solution overview
- System architecture
- Sprint plan
- Weekly milestone plan

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