



UMD Info Challenge 2023

Rules and Code of Conduct

By participating in UMD Info Challenge 2023, you agree to the following terms listed in this Terms and Code of Conduct agreement, and to follow any procedures and instructions given to you by the UMD Info Challenge Organizing Team and Volunteers. Refusal to comply and any violations will subject you to punishment deemed appropriate by the UMD Info Challenge Organizing Team such as the revocation of prizes and expulsion from UMD Info Challenge 2023.

Rules

Goal

Our goal is for students to have an opportunity to solve a complex problem by leveraging analytical skills and creative ideas with support from the organization that provided the dataset, Info Challenge Mentors, and the Info Challenge team. We encourage you to use third party services, APIs, open source projects, libraries, and frameworks.

Integrity

To ensure a level field for all contestants, all work must be done during the week of the Info Challenge, February 25 – March 4, 2023. You may not use any analysis work that was started before you arrive for Kick-off Day on February 25, 2023. You may start planning when you receive access to your project information on February 23, 2023. We take this rule very seriously for the sake of all members attending the event. Failure to comply may result in the team's disqualification.

Ownership

All team members share ownership of the final product. The organization will receive the analysis and outcomes, and the student teams will have the right to share their work on the project. With the exception of the Challenge Project supplied from Ernst and Young. The project materials and data in the EY project are proprietary and cannot be publicly posted or shared; therefore, project participants will be provided with a digital project certificate of completion to evidence work for posting to a public forum and will not share ownership of the final product.

Participation

To be considered an active UMD Info Challenge 2023 participant, you must be active with your team on the UMD IC23 Discord Server before 11:00am on Kick-off Day. You must also work with your team and your mentor during that day. You must also attend the Judging session with your team on March 4, 2023. If you are not present during both of these times, you will not be considered an active UMD Info Challenge 2023 participant and will not be allowed to receive awards or prizes. If you are part of a team that is given an award, you must be in-person at UMD from 3-4pm on March 4, 2023.

Release of Images

UMD Info Challenge has permission to use and release any photographs or videos taken during UMD Info Challenge 2023 for future UMD Info Challenge use, including social media outlets. In addition, you understand that you are free to withdraw your consent at any time by emailing infochallenge@umd.edu without penalty. UMD Info Challenge will not be required to notify you prior to using your likeness in these images.

Release of Final Projects

UMD Info Challenge has permission to use and release any final products created during UMD Info Challenge 2023 for future UMD Info Challenge use, with the exception of the EY project. This includes sharing with potential sponsors and volunteers, and posting on social media outlets. This will only include final presentations, and will not include access to datasets, code or any other artifacts besides the final presentation.

Code of Conduct

Be respectful. Harassment and abuse are never tolerated. If you are in a situation that makes you uncomfortable at a UMD Info Challenge event, or if the event itself is creating an unsafe or inappropriate environment, or if interacting with a UMD Info Challenge representative or event organizer makes you uncomfortable, please report it using the procedures included in this document.

Harassment includes but is not limited to offensive verbal or written comments related to gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, sexual images in public spaces, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. If what you're doing is making someone feel uncomfortable, that counts as harassment and is enough reason to stop doing it.

Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Sponsors, judges, mentors, volunteers, organizers, UMD Info Challenge staff and anyone else at the event are also subject to the anti-harassment policy. In particular, attendees should not use sexualized images, activities, or other material during the event. Event staff and volunteers should not use sexualized clothing/uniforms/costumes, or otherwise create a sexualized environment.

If a participant engages in harassing behavior, UMD Info Challenge may take any action it deems appropriate, including warning the offender or expulsion from the event with no eligibility for reimbursement or refund of any type. UMD Info Challenge representatives can engage University authorities to take appropriate action as needed. If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, contact UMD Info Challenge using the reporting procedures defined below.

Reporting Procedures

UMD Info Challenge representatives will be happy to help participants contact campus security or local law enforcement, and engage the right resources to assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the event. We value your attendance. We expect participants to follow these rules at all UMD Info Challenge venues, and UMD Info Challenge related social events.

If you feel uncomfortable or think there may be a potential violation of the code of conduct, report it immediately. All reporters have the right to remain anonymous.

UMD Info Challenge reserves the right to revise, make exceptions to, or otherwise amend these policies in whole or in part. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please contact Info Challenge by email at infochallenge@umd.edu