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Dear Open Source Developer,

Thank you for your interest in HackIllinois!

This year, we are creating a shift in the traditional hackathon style by incorporating Open Source in a new initiative called "Open Source @ HackIllinois". Open Source development is inherently collaborative, and we believe that combining the talent attracted by HackIllinois and the expertise of the Open Source community will lead to unique benefits for both groups.

Specifically, we are pairing at least one experienced Open Source developer with up to four undergraduate hackers for the purpose of collaborating on aspects of popular open source projects. We believe that the marriage of Open Source projects and long term mentorship is an idea that has not been explored by college hackathons.

As an experienced developer with familiarity in Open Source, we hope that you are able to donate some time to our initiative during HackIllinois.

The following highlights key logistics of the initiative:

- ☛ Transportation to and from your location and living accommodations can be subsidized by HackIllinois.
- ☛ Food will be provided at the hackathon.
- ☛ You will be paired with up to four undergraduate hackers and build features for an open source project of your choice. To make this initiative most effective, we strongly recommend working on a project that you have previously contributed to or have prior knowledge about.
- ☛ We hope that you will also provide general assistance to other hackers who are not within your group.
- ☛ You are not allowed to represent any corporate/non-open-source entity during the hackathon.

We hope that you are as excited as we are to help grow the Open Source community at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and are looking forward to seeing you at HackIllinois!

Thank you,
HackIllinois Team