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Dear Open Source Developer,

Thank you for your interest in HackIllinois! This year, we are reinventing ourselves as the first collegiate Open Source hackathon. HackIllinois aims to bring hacking back to its roots: building projects that have a lasting effect. 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 grouping Open Source mentors with students for the purpose of collaborating 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 will be able to help us promote Open Source at the collegiate level.

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 grouped with students and contribute to an existing Open Source project that you have experience with. 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 can provide mentorship to contributors outside of your own project.

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 look forward to seeing you at HackIllinois!

Thank you,
HackIllinois Team