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Hello Open Source Contributor,

Thank you for your interest in HackIllinois! We are the nation's premiere Open Source hackathon. For the past two years, we've focused on contributing to the OSS community with meaningful projects that have a lasting impact, and we're proud to continue this initiative at HackIllinois 2019.

We hope that you can join us this upcoming year at HackIllinois, where you'll be grouped with university students to work on Open Source projects that you have experience with. Our ultimate goal is to help the brilliant students at HackIllinois connect with the experienced mentors in the Open Source community, where they can contribute and make a tangible impact upon the world. Last year, most of the Open Source projects at our event had multiple PRs made, issues fixed, and features developed, and hackers left having made contributions to something greater than themselves.

The following highlights key components of your involvement with our initiative:

- HackIllinois will take place from late-afternoon on Friday, February 22nd to afternoon on Sunday, February 24th.
- HackIllinois can provide travel/lodging reimbursements up to a specified amount.
- We provide food for the entire weekend, including snacks, standard meals, and late-night treats.
- To make this initiative most effective, we strongly recommend coming to the hackathon with a small project or set of issues/features from any Open Source project you're experienced with. Ideally, the tasks can support hackers of all skill levels.
- You will have the opportunity to acquire more young developers for your Open Source community and gain more recognition for your project.

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

Thank you,
The HackIllinois Team

"Instead of emphasizing competition, HackIllinois emphasizes teaching and introducing a new generation of developers to the collaborative open-source process -- this is a phenomenal way to get fresh faces contributing to OSS projects."

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HACKILLINOIS 2018 BY THE NUMBERS:

1100+

student
participants

40+

pull requests
made

20+

universities
represented