Proposal: CS Society AI Hackathon — "Prompt Wars: Build with AI"

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Objective

To ignite innovation, creativity, and hands-on experience with modern AI tools by organizing a time-bound AI Hackathon where participants build unique projects leveraging free versions of Generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT Free, Claude.ai, Gemini, Leonardo.ai, etc.). The goal is to help students strengthen their Prompt Engineering and AI-assisted development skills, learn to creatively apply LLMs in practical problem-solving, and gain teamwork, leadership, and project presentation experience under pressure.

Event Overview

Event Name: Prompt Wars: Build with AI

Type: AI Hackathon

Duration: 100 Minutes (single-day event)

Participants: Individual or team of 2–3

Venue: decided by you

Mode: Physical (Offline)

Event Concept

Participants will have a fixed time window to ideate, create, and present a mini project using free AI tools. The only rule — no paid tools, no external prebuilt datasets, and the AI must be central to the solution.

Allowed Tools (Examples): ChatGPT (Free Tier), Claude.ai, Gemini, Perplexity, Hugging Face Spaces, Leonardo.ai, Pika Labs, Runway ML (free editions), CodeAssist, GitHub Copilot Free (if available), or any open-source model/API.

Theme Ideas: AI x Code, AI for Education, AI for Productivity.

Judging Criteria

- Creativity & Originality: How unique and imaginative the project is (25%)

- AI Utilization: How effectively AI or LLMs are used (25%)

- Practical Impact: Real-world usefulness or problem-solving ability (20%)

- Prompt Engineering Skill: Quality and ingenuity of prompt usage (15%)

- Presentation & Communication: Clarity and engagement of final presentation (15%)

Awards & Recognition

🥇 Winner: Certificate + [Possible Sponsorship Gift or Cash Prize]
🥈 Runner-Up: Certificate + [Small Gift / Swag]
🧠 Best Prompt Engineer Award
🎨 Most Creative AI Use Award
All participants receive Certificates of Participation.

Required Resources

Venue: Computer lab or hall with Wi-Fi and projector

Hardware: Systems with browser access (participants can bring laptops)

Software: Access to free AI tools, browsers, and IDEs

Judges: 2–3 faculty members + 1 AI/Tech Industry Guest (optional)

Volunteers: 4–5 student volunteers for coordination and logistics

Prizes: Certificates, Shields (provided by CS Society)

Publicity: Posters, Digital Campaign, Department-wide announcement

Why This Event Matters

This event introduces students to modern AI workflows, prompt-based creation, and rapid prototyping. It encourages cross-discipline creativity — not just coding, but design, art, logic, and storytelling. It helps students build a portfolio-worthy project in just a day and promotes a culture of innovation and collaboration within the CS Department.

Conclusion

"Prompt Wars: Build with AI" will serve as a launchpad for the next generation of CS innovators — blending creativity, coding, and AI literacy. It's not just a competition — it's a statement that our department is future-ready, embracing the tools that define the next era of computing.