

UMSL WOMEN'S HACKATHON

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Participant **Guide**



*Welcome to the UMSL Women's
Hackathon 2025!*

What to Expect

- You will collaborate with a team of up to 5 people to create a solution to the problem statement.
- Mentors will be available to provide guidance.
- Food and refreshments will be available throughout the entire event.
- Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 1. **Creativity & Innovation** – How unique and forward-thinking is the idea?
 2. **Technical Execution** – Is the solution well-developed and functional?
 3. **Impact & Usefulness** – Does it solve a real-world problem effectively?
 4. **Accessibility & Inclusivity** – Is the solution designed for all users?
 5. **Scalability & Adaptability** – Can it be expanded for wider use?
 6. **Presentation & Communication** – How well was the idea pitched/presented?



How it Works

- **Team Formation:** If you don't have a team (5 people), we'll assist in forming one.
- **Hacking Period:** You have 7 hours to develop your solution.
- **Final Presentations:** Each team will have 3 to 5 minutes to pitch their solution, up to teams how they will present their solution (PowerPoint, demo, etc.).
- **Judging & Awards:** Judges will evaluate and select the top three winning teams.



Helpful Tips

- Communicate openly with your team.
- Use mentors for guidance.
- Stay on schedule and submit on time.
- Take breaks and grab food or drinks anytime to stay energized.



Thank You!



Thank you for your enthusiasm and participation in the UMSL Women's Hackathon! Your creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills are what make this event exciting and impactful. We can't wait to see your ideas come to life and celebrate your hard work!

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