# **Judges Guide – UMSL Women’s Hackathon 2025**

## Role of Judges:

Assess solutions based on the following criteria:

* Creativity & Innovation (1-5) – How unique and forward-thinking is the idea?
* Technical Execution (1-5) – Is the solution well-developed and functional?
* Impact & Usefulness (1-5) – Does it solve a real-world problem effectively?
* Accessibility & Inclusivity (1-5) – Is the solution designed for all users?
* Scalability & Adaptability (1-5) – Can it be expanded for wider use?
* Presentation & Communication (1-5) – How well was the idea pitched/presented?

## Judging Process:

If possible, the judges should arrive by 2pm.

1. Judging begins at **4:30pm at the start of presentations**.
2. Listen to each team’s 3-to-5-minute presentation.
3. Ask any clarifying questions (1-3 minutes per team).
4. Rate each team solution using the provided scorecard.
5. Write additional notes about the team solution (optional).
6. Provide feedback to the winning teams (optional).

## Helpful Tips:

* Use the “Additional Notes” section of the scorecard for both clarifying questions during judging, and additional feedback/comments for the winners.
* Food and refreshments are available as desired.