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

Mentoring begins at 9am and lasts until 4:30pm.

## Role of Mentors:

* Support teams in brainstorming and refining their ideas.
* Offer guidance on technical, strategic, and design aspects.
* Encourage creativity while keeping teams focused.
* Remind participants that food and refreshments are available anytime.
* ***Help troubleshoot issues but do not directly contribute to the project.***

## How to Engage:

* Walk around and check in with teams periodically.
* Ask guiding questions to help teams think critically.
* Encourage teams to use their time efficiently.
* Stay accessible and approachable throughout your time at the event.

## Helpful Tips:

* Engage with multiple teams to ensure everyone gets guidance.
* Collaborate with other mentors to share insights and support teams effectively.
* Take breaks and grab food or refreshments as needed.