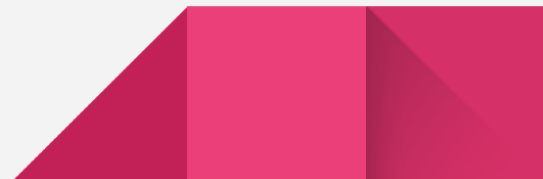# SisterHacks

March 2-3, 2019 at Bryn Mawr College

The first hackathon for students of the Seven Sisters Colleges

Our goal is to promote women in STEM at the Seven Sisters Colleges: **Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley Colleges**. There are hackathons offered at each school that are open to outside participants, but there is no such event just for Seven Sisters students. We wanted to change that in order to **strengthen networks**, use **the power of the Seven Sisters connection**, and to **bring together creative and strong women*** for one weekend of jam-packed coding and fun!

SisterHacks is entirely **student-run** with representatives from each of the Seven Sisters schools with its roots at Bryn Mawr College. During the first iteration of the hackathon in March 2018, we had 10 student hackers and 10 student volunteers and mentors from across the Seven Sisters and the Tri-Colleges (Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Swarthmore). Over 60% of our participants were **first-time hackathon attendees**, and all participants had been to less than 3 hackathons. Our goal for the 2019 hackathon is to have 50 student hackers from the Seven Sisters and 15 student volunteers as mentors and workshop hosts from the Seven Sisters and Tri-Colleges.

Why Get Involved?

1. Product Feedback

SisterHacks is the perfect place to observe your technology and APIs being used by socially-conscious developers. Watching hackers use and test your products will help you see how they hold up in real-time. Our hackers can experiment with your products to provide invaluable feedback on their functionalities and reception within the greater tech community.

2. Networking

Sponsors will meet and interact with ONLY Seven Sisters students, a demographic that is rarely the focus at hackathons. Seven Sisters students are both passionate about their field of study, possess liberal arts skills, and demonstrate strength and confidence through their time at women's colleges.

At SisterHacks, you will be able to engage with talented potential hires as they design and implement solutions to real-world challenges. You could invest as little as one weekend to find the best and brightest students who may fill a position at your company.

3. Brand Recognition

Sponsoring SisterHacks means that your brand will be at the forefront of our participants, fellow sponsors, and any media attention we receive. Our hackathon can position you as a diversity advocate with the ability to tell our participants about your company and its culture. Plus, it will be invaluable to be at an event like SisterHacks that puts historically marginalized groups at the forefront of developing and design.

Ways to Get Involved

We offer the opportunity to be involved with SisterHacks 2019 in the following categories:

a) **Prizes/Swag**

This includes donating a prize to be awarded to a top team at the hackathon - last year's prizes included a Raspberry Pi kit, a Polaroid camera, and a Bluetooth speaker! Prizes do not have to be physical, you can donate **an interview for a summer internship**, an all-expenses paid company shadow day, or a license to your company's software product, for example.

b) **Networking [in person]**

Find great talent at SisterHacks! You can **table at the event** and meet intelligent hackers from across the Seven Sisters and collect resumes. Other networking opportunities include holding 1-on-1 chats with interested students.

c) **Mentorship/Judging/Workshops [in person]**

Send engineers and designers to the event to help mentor and/or judge the hackathon projects. Judges only have to be present on the final day of the the hackathon, Sunday, March 3, 2019. You can also hold a technical workshop or a fireside chat during the event. Past events were tech talks on web development and game design in Unity, demonstrations of the Microsoft Hololens, and a Twilio API workshop. We ask that all technical workshops be during the day and all fireside chats be in the evening on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

ALL companies and organizations involved in SisterHacks will receive a blurb in the student booklet and website and have their logo appear on the official hackathon shirt!

Time Commitment	None	Day of Saturday, March 2, 2019	Evening of Saturday, March 2, 2019	Day of Sunday, March 3, 2019
Mentorship/Judging/Workshops				
Mentor hackers on their projects		X	X	X
Host technical workshop		X		
Host fireside chat			X	
Judge final projects				X
Networking				
Reserve table, give recruiting materials		X	X	optional
Network with hackers		X	X	X
Connect with students for internships/jobs		X	X	X
Prizes/Swag				
Distribute swag	X			
Donate item prize (hardware, gift card)	X			
Award custom prize (internship interview, company shadow, software license)	X			