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WELCOME LETTER

Dear MedHacks 2015 Participant,

Welcome! We at the MedHacks team are excited to host you for the inaugural MedHacks medical and healthcare hackathon at the Johns Hopkins University, from October 2nd to October 4th 2015.

We are currently putting the finishing touches on preparations for the event, and are looking forward to a fun weekend of problem solving, teamwork, and hacking that will change the way we look at medicine and technology.

To help you prepare for making the most of your time at MedHacks, please review the information in this packet. Included are answers to a variety of questions about accommodations, food arrangements, and the schedule of the weekend.

As MedHacks gets closer, keep a lookout for updates and final details. Keep in mind that applications are still open on a rolling basis, so encourage any friends or fellow entrepreneurs to apply! As always, we are happy to answer any questions by email at medhacks@jhu.edu.

Looking forward to seeing you on campus!

Best,

The MedHacks Team

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a hackathon?

A hackathon is a place where people learn, play, and make. A hackathon is where people perform superhuman feats and solve problems in short periods of time. A hackathon is a producer of hackers. Hackathons are likely the most exciting thing you don't know too much about.

But more broadly defined, a hackathon is a multi-day event where people come together, ideate, and work intensively on ideas and products.

What is a medical hackathon?

Drawing on the popular concept of hackathons being held around the world, we are challenging innovators to design solutions to the most pressing medical issues of our day within 36 hours. MedHackers will work (and play) in interdisciplinary teams over the weekend, utilizing the unique skill sets of each team member to build the best solution to a critical medical problem. Along the way, hackers will eat together, code together, learn together, and design together before presenting their finished product (together) to a panel of judges.

Why MedHacks?

MedHacks is a student-run event that focuses on innovating at the crossroads of medical entrepreneurship and technological development. By working together for the weekend, hackers at MedHacks will gain unique opportunities to learn from each other and from experts at the forefronts of medicine and technology – integrating their learning into real solutions to pressing medical challenges. At MedHacks 2015, hackers will put their creativity and skills to work to change – and save – lives.

Where exactly is MedHacks being held?

MedHacks 2015 will be held entirely in the Bloomberg Center for Physics and Astronomy on the Homewood Campus. A state-of-the-art concrete castle with its own telescope observatory, Bloomberg is the perfect place for a weekend of innovation without limits.



Who is participating in MedHacks?

Hackers, mentors, and speakers at MedHacks 2015 have a wide variety of backgrounds in different disciplines, and will be coming in from across the nation. Some are industry experts, others undergraduates – but everyone shares a commitment to changing the future of health.

What can I win?

It's not about winning - it's about learning, having fun, and starting the renaissance of medical innovation! In addition, winners will be chosen by a judging panel based on criteria such as technical difficulty, creativity, and impact. Many sponsors will also give out cool prizes for hacks that excel in specific categories.

What is being provided and where do I sleep?

All meals, swag, and extra food (plenty of it), will be provided throughout MedHacks. For those coming in from out of town, we recommend you bring a sleeping bag and basic toiletries. If hotels sound better than a floor, the [Doubletree Colonnade](#) is a two-minute walk. Other hotels in the Inner Harbor area are reachable by cab.

Is there parking available?

Parking is available for a fee at the nearby San Martin garage, a three-minute walk from MedHacks.



SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Friday - October 2nd, 2015

5:00p	Registration Begins
6:30p	Dinner
7:00p	Welcome Remarks
8:00p	Pitching Session #1
9:30p+	Networking, Team Formation

Saturday - October 3rd, 2015

8:30a	Breakfast
9:00a	Pitching Session #2
1:00p	Lunch
2:00p	Team Registration Deadline
2:00p	Workshops
6:30p	Dinner

Sunday - October 4th, 2015

8:30a	Breakfast
12:00p	Hacking Ends
12:00p	Lunch
1:00p	Team Presentations
3:00p	Awards + Closing Remarks

Note: This schedule is tentative and abbreviated; more programming will be added and times may be changed at actual event.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

MedHacks Website

The most up-to-date information on the event, schedule details, sponsors, and more! www.medhacks.org

Twitter

Updates on sponsors, hardware, and the latest news in biotech! www.twitter.com/medhacks

Campus Map

Get an idea of where MedHacks will be by looking at the [interactive campus map](#), or checking out the official [printable map](#), courtesy of Johns Hopkins University.

