

WHACK Call for Mentors!

Mentors are invited to WHACK, Wellesley College's second annual hackathon, to help lead teams to success by advising and guiding them through the duration of the event. WHACK aims to be an inclusive, safe space for college women and first-time hackers to get their toes wet in realizing their creative potential.

An ideal mentor should have:

- A background in Software Engineering and Computer Science
- An energetic approach for facilitating teamwork, problem solving, and workflow
- A love for hackathons!

Each team will have a mentor that guides them and helps lead them to success. Mentor/team assignments will be released prior to the hackathon so that teams have the opportunity to get in touch and do some preliminary planning about team dynamics and potential project ideas. During the event, mentors are expected to stay or be on call with their team for the duration of the hackathon (with breaks for sleep, food, etc.). A mentor's chief objective is to act as a resource for the team they are assigned to (providing advice about developing the project, directing to helpful resources, and answering any general questions to the best of their ability). Mentors are also encouraged to communicate with other mentors about questions or observations.

Along with team mentors, we're also looking for walk-around mentors. These individuals are not required to stay for the whole duration of the hackathon. Walk-around mentors will be free to roam around, talk to and provide advice to various teams, hosting workshops, etc.

Mentoring is an amazing opportunity to network with current undergraduates working toward computer science degrees. Mentors have the ability to inspire, teach, and lead students to success in a way that will create lasting professional bonds at our hackathon.

WHACK will be held at the Wellesley College Campus Center from **October 3-4**. If you have an interest in being a mentor (and a weakness for some yummy food), please contact **hack@wellesley.edu**. The organizers cannot wait to have you!

Best wishes,
WHACK Co-Chairs (Tiffany Ang and Jenny Wang)