



IATR's 4th Annual Hack-A-Thon

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can compete in the Hack-A-Thon?

Any students, professors, private companies, and non-profit interest groups, government employees, or any person, team or institution which seeks to analyze mobility data to present solutions to help the host city of Calgary can compete in our Hack-A-Thon. Individuals may collaborate, create teams, and submit group proposals, or they can work on their own.

2. When will the data be released and available?

The data would be ready for release in the Spring of 2019. Participants will be notified about the date and time of the release prior to the competition. Since this is a remote competition, participants can compete from their desired locations, such as their universities, offices, or their apartments. Specific guidelines and rubrics will be provided to participants.

3. What happens after I submit my "Smart Mobility Plan" proposal?

After participants submit their PowerPoint proposals, a screening committee of judges selected by the IATR will review proposed solutions and may pose questions in a format to be provided to registered participants. The constitution of any screening committee convened will be limited to organizing institutions (namely academic entities and/or government regulatory agencies) that do not have their own students, staff members or teams participating in the hack-a-thon competition. The finalists and winners will be contacted directly.

4. Is anyone competing in the Hack-A-Thon invited to IATR's 32nd Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada?

Only the winners of the Hack-A-Thon will be invited to the conference and reasonable expenses will be paid by our organization subject to availability of sponsorship. If the winners worked in a group, ideally, we will strive to obtain funding for all winning group members to come to our conference. However, in the IATR's discretion, we may ask one representative from the team to come to Calgary to represent the group. If traveling is an issue, off-site finalists may be present their ideas via teleconference.

5. What is the benefit of students and faculty to participate in this competition? Are there any prizes for the winners of the competition?



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For this year's competition, the prizes have yet to be determined. However, in the previous years, prizes have included: recognition by peers and awards (plaques), speaking opportunities and networking with transportation officials, jobs or internship opportunities and cash prizes.

If you have any additional questions, please contact us sending an email to iatrhackathon@iatr.global.