

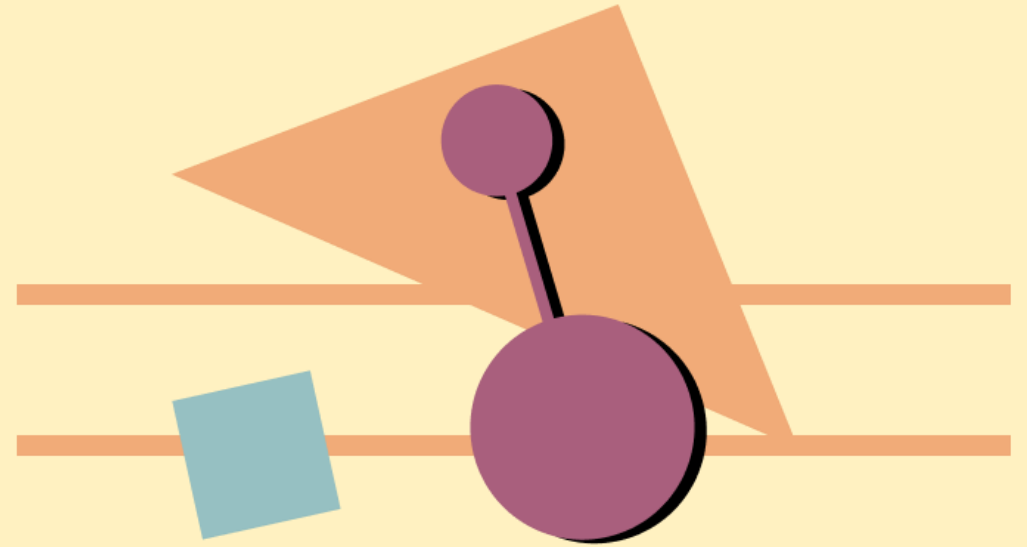
Starting soon!

**Qiskit** | Fall Fest

# Fall Fest Overview

The Qiskit Fall Fest is a refinement of the Summer Jam series of hackathons from 2020. It is a collection of student-led hackathons across different college campuses worldwide, with a mix of in-person and digital events. "Fall Fest" is an umbrella term, encompassing the workshops, training, branded resources, hackathons, winners, and IBM highlights produced during the event.

It runs from Sep 20 though Oct 30, with the actual Hackathons occurring from ~Oct 18-22.



# Fall Fest Overview



The Fall Fest follows the State --> Regional science fair model, with each unique hackathon producing winning projects that are then elevated to IBM Quantum's eyes. **There will be a max of 30 unique hackathons on different campuses worldwide.**

## Phase 1

### Organizer Prep

We will be running a series of workshops for you, the organizers. You will be given space to make their event feel personal and empowered with the confidence to run it independently. IBM will provide digital assets, a centralized platform, persistent support, and project help.

These workshops will cover all the different aspects of how to run a successful hackathon.

## Phase 2

### Hackathons Run

Each hackathon runs for 1 week (Oct 18-22) at the universities. Remember, these are **planned and hosted by you at your schools.**

## Phase 3

### Advancement to QHG

Each organizer submits their top 1-2 projects to the IBM Quantum Community team, who will select “feature favorites” that can be showcased and possibly invited to Qiskit Hackathon Global

# Organizer Responsibilities



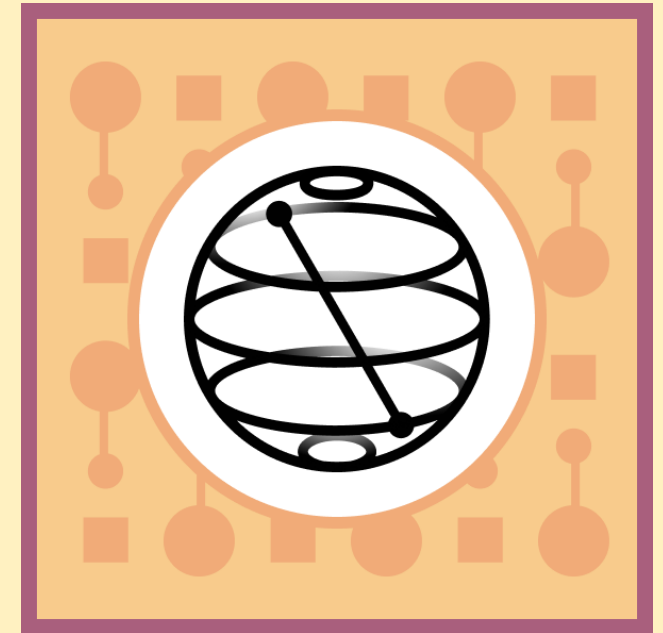
- Organize your hackathon
- Make key decisions on how you'd like to personalize the hackathon for your campus
- Promote the event and drive sign-ups
- Write and distribute communications to participants
- Connect with local institution/university for resources/guidelines/support for their hackathon
- Decide on final rules, judging criteria, and awards for their hackathon (IBM will provide suggested versions)
- Select top 1-2 projects as winners

This is a decent amount of time to volunteer.

# Custom Options

As mentioned, a big part of our goal is to help empower you to make this event your own, and craft it to match your campus & student population. Here are the decisions you'll need to make:

- What dates will it run?
- Will there be a theme for what the projects should be?
- Who should help me judge the final projects?
- Do I want to give any other awards to the winners?
  - Does a professor or club want to have some type of award category?
- What clubs on campus should I invite?



# Empowerment Workshops

Workshops will be made up of 20-30 minute presentation and 30-45 minute Q&A hosted via Crowdcast. Additional resources, collaboration, and communication will be shared and discussed in the Organizer Discord.

## Session 1

Today!

### The Basics of Fall Fest

#### Topics Covered

- Roles
- What you need to know to begin

## Session 2

Sep 29

### Hackathon Components

#### Topics Covered

- HYPE onboarding & walkthrough
- Rules, Themes, & Teams
- Awards & Judging
- Registration & Rules
- HYPE tips & tricks

## Session 3

Oct 6

### Scheduling

#### Topics Covered

- Schedule of the Hack
  - Social events, club meets
  - Live vs. Digital
- Promotion Plan
- Active communication

Guest spot from [Anamaria Rojas](#)

## Session 4

Oct 12

### Project Help

#### Topics Covered

- Preparing for the Hackathon Activities
- Hype & Engagement

Guest spot from [Frank Harkins](#)

## Week 5

Oct 14

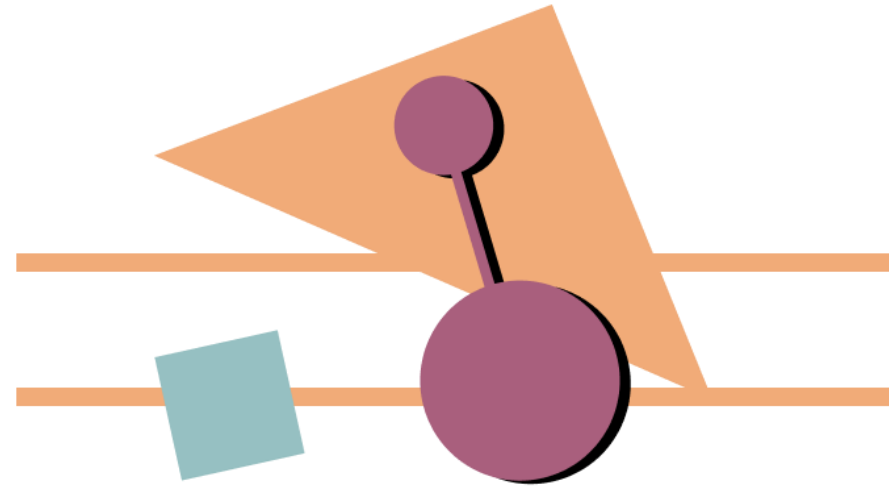
### The Final Check

#### Topics Covered

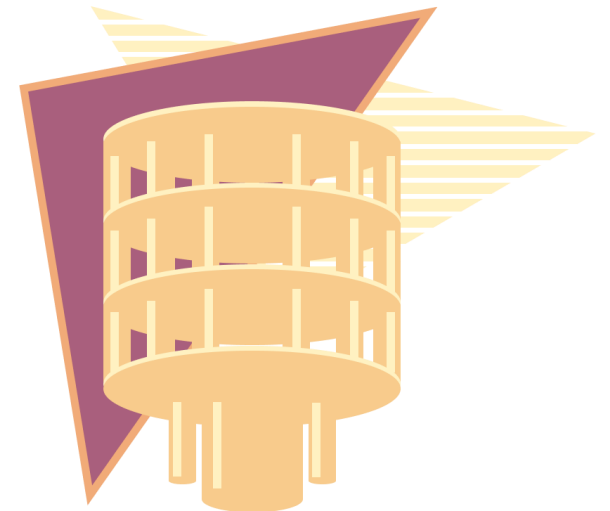
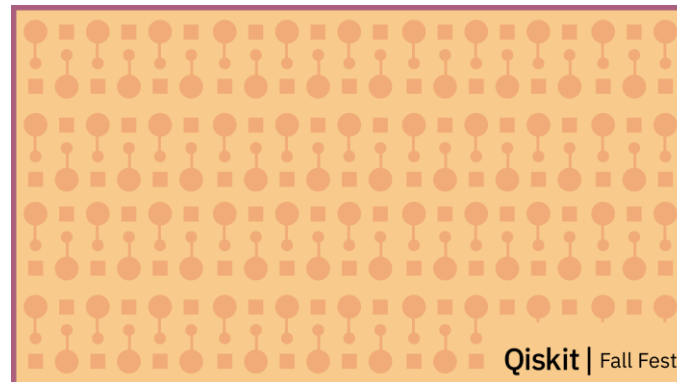
- Final Touches (platform ready!)
- Pre-Event Communications
- Pre-Event Activities
- Let's go Team!

# What does IBM provide?

- The 'Hype' platform
- Digital graphics & logos (totally retro!)
- Workshop Training
- Discord for all organizers
- Additional promo of hackathons
- Handle any CoC violations
- Promote your work as organizer (blogs, linkedin endorsements, etc)
- Food money for “final ceremony”
- Certificates
- A Thank You package to each organizer



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# What *\*can't\** IBM provide?

Legally, we need to make sure everyone is on the same page. These are YOUR events that IBM Quantum is happy to help support. However, unless we wanted to get 30 different lawyers involved, we can not:

- Provide dedicated prizes to the winning teams
- Mentoring or coaching teams with their projects
- Judging which projects should win
- Donate any money for non-food related costs
- Swag to give away