

CometHacks

A collegiate hackday by students, for students

Saturday, March 31st at The University of Texas at Dallas, Synergy Park North (SPN)

What is CometHacks?

CometHacks is the first club-based collegiate “hackday”, allowing specialized student organizations to spread their skills to the community. Unlike an ordinary hackathon, CometHacks centers the experience around cooperation, not competition. There will be workshops, snacks and presentations by both student organizations and corporate sponsors throughout this 12-hour event so students may also learn, ask questions, and create something awesome! Any college student can participate! We don't require a UTDallas student ID - only registration.

Participating Student Organizations

- AIS – Artificial Intelligence Society
- ASME – American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- CSG – Computer Security Group
- BMES – Biomedical Engineering Society
- IEEE – Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers
- LUG – Linux User Group
- VRS – Virtual Reality Society
- Blockchain
- Makerspace

Why sponsor CometHacks?

Each of our sponsors will have the opportunity to send people from their organizations to join the event and optionally host a 1-3 hour hands-on workshop, technical talk, or informal presentation.

Additionally, your company can:

- Promote your organization as an exciting, STEM-oriented place to have a career
- Recruit well-rounded students
- Get involved and network with leadership with STEM clubs at UTD
- Show off products and get students to start using your platform
- Access student resumes submitted through our online registration system
- Host a talk or workshop on your company and its products

How can you help?

- Provide experienced mentors in the field to present a workshop
- Feed students or provide mid-day snacks
- Send volunteers to assist students or run the hackathon
- Sponsor prizes and giveaways! Motivation drives attendance.
- Help make CometHacks big by supporting some of our marketing costs, including shirts and flyers.

See reverse for more details about sponsorship.

Comet**Hacks** Sponsorship Details

CometHacks is looking for corporate sponsors to support the event. Below is what we need to make CometHacks an unforgettable experience and we look to your organization for the resources to make it happen.

Our Needs

Food

Breakfast	\$600	<i>CometHacks expects to host around 100 participants and roughly 50 volunteers, student org members, and community sponsors.</i>
Lunch	\$1200	
Dinner	\$1500	
Snacks & Drinks	\$1000	

Promotional Materials

Laptop Stickers	\$400	<i>We ask for monetary support for promotional materials that boost event attendance by spreading the word about CometHacks.</i>
Posters	\$100	
Banners	\$80	

Participation Incentives

Name Tags	\$150	<i>Each participant and volunteer that registers will be given a shirt with the CometHacks logo and our sponsors' branding. Every person attending will also receive a name tag.</i>
T-Shirts	\$1800	

Workshop Funding

Swag Bags	\$200/ea	<i>We ask that your organization sponsors roughly \$200 in "swag" as prizes and awards for participation. Additionally, \$200 can fund a UTD organization's hands-on workshop.</i>
Fund a UTD Org	\$200/ea	

Volunteers

The most important part of CometHacks is the people involved. We are looking for both technical and logistics-oriented volunteers to make this event a success.

Have another idea?

We'd love to hear it! If you're interested in providing anything from 3D printers to ping-pong tables, we'd love to get in touch. In certain circumstances, CometHacks will also be able to work with University staff to ensure that your donations are retained for use by future students.

Let's make a hackday that challenges students to learn something new and build something awesome.

Sincerely,

Whoosh!

The CometHacks team

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