



ImpactHack 2018: Participant

Congrats on making a great choice—Participating in **ImpactHack!** We've prepared this document to ensure you know what to expect so that you have a great experience. Below you will find goals for the day, a complete schedule with links to resources, and FAQs.

Goals

1. Create engaging visualizations to make some of the most pressing issues understandable to the general public: Diplomacy, development, and the environment
2. Learning from and connecting with technical specialists and content experts

Expectations for Participants

Please follow the [Code of Conduct](#). TLDR: Don't be a jerk.

Participant Schedule

Friday, September 21, 2018 - United States Diplomacy Center 330 21st Street, NW

	Time	Schedule
Arrival	4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in • Food, mingle
Program	5:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program begins • Mary Kane Remarks (5 Minutes) • Janet Ranganathan Remarks (5 Minutes) • Mark Smith Remarks, Introduces Environment (10 Minutes) • Kelsey Cvach Introduces State Department Prompts (10 Minutes) • Carolyn Savoldelli, Introduces WRI Prompts, Mentors, Schedule Overview (15 Minutes) • Q&A in person and via Slack (15 Minutes) • Prompts released online
Project Begins	6:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find projects and teams • Begin ideating • Bounce ideas off content experts • Ask questions to technical experts • Find well-balanced talent • No more than four to a team
Event Close	7:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If 21+, continue thinking and maybe drinking at the Hive • Go home. You may begin working on projects on your own but should not expect responses from mentors until 8 am Saturday.

Saturday, September 22, 2018 -World Resources Institute 10 G St NE #800



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	Time	Schedule
Before Hackathon		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To make the most out of your time with technical specialists, have a plan for your project
Morning	8:00-11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Check-in● Breakfast accounts set up● Coding and design with specialist guidance● Check slack channel for answers and updates
	9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction & AWS Environment and Technologies Briefer
	10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Final teams (maximum four) officially sign-up
Day	10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Create, design, code, test● Mentors circulate and answer student questions● Refer to the judging rubric● Post questions on slack channel● Caffeine continually provided!
Lunch!	11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fuel up-- available in kitchen
Initial Judging	4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● While you continue to work, judges will come by for an initial assessment of projects● Judges will get an idea for projects but will look for progress during presentations
Dinner	4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fuel up-- available in kitchen
Projects due!	5:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Check guidelines for packaging product in AWS. 6:00 pm hard deadline. Submit packages & presentations
	6:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hard deadline: Submission closes
Closing Program	6:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Presentations start: Each team will have 3 minutes to present their project to demonstrate final leaps. No requirements on how to present, just show your best!
	6:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Google remarks (10 min)
	7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Winners announced! See below for prize breakout
Clean-Up	7:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clean-up!● Go home!



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FAQs

1. Where is the Hackathon taking place? What do I need to know about getting there?

Friday - The United States Diplomacy Center 330 21st Street, NW Washington DC 20006

Please arrive at the 21st Street entrance to the State Department (It's the U.S. Diplomacy Center building - located near 21st Street and Virginia Ave.) The closest metro is Foggy Bottom on the Blue/Orange/Silver lines.

Parking is available four blocks away at the GW parking garage. It is in the ally way behind Tonic in between 20th and 21st St NW. Walk directly South on 21st NW to reach the Diplomacy Center. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.8975171,-77.0455148,17z>

Please arrive early and prepare to go through security. Everyone is required to present a valid government photo ID (passport or DL).

Go up the ramp, turn sharply to the left and head downstairs to the Lower Level ([Layout](#)).

Saturday - World Resources Institute 10 G St NE #800 Washington DC 20002

Please arrive on the street entrance. You will need to sign in at the front. The offices are on the 8th floor. The closest metro is Union Station on the Red Line.

2. Do I need to bring anything?

Please bring a laptop, a charger, and writing materials for quick sketches and ideas.

3. Will there be food? What kind?

ImpactHack will provide coffee and snacks throughout the day, as well breakfast, lunch and dinner. You are welcome to any and all food, but please be courteous.

4. What skills are required?

There are a range of project that lend themselves to differing programming skills. Please check out our technology primer. There will also be a need for UX specialists or designers, and those focused on content.

5. How will the teams be created?

Some people will come in groups and others will find teammates on the slack channel or at the opening event after projects are announced. If you need to be plugged in, please find a team.

There are a maximum of four people per team. Final team declaration is at 10 am Saturday to ensure fair prize distribution.

6. Who can I ask questions to before and during the hackathon?

The quickest way to get an answer will be asking a question on [ImpactHack.Slack.com](https://join.slack.com/t/impacthack/signup).

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There will also be experts present, that will wear a hackathon tshirt and will have color coded



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name tags: Blue: ImpactHack Host/Content Specialist, Purple: UX/Design, Green: Coding, Orange: AWS technologies specialist, White: Volunteer

7. How does the Slack Channel work?

There will be a content question channel, a find teammates channel, an AWS channel, and a general FAQ question channel. The #General channel will have updates and schedule announcements. Please add photos to the #photo channel.

8. When will project prompts be released? Where will the data live?

Projects will be released online Friday night, as the prompts are introduced at the live event. Data will live on AWS servers.

9. Can I see examples of other museum hackathon projects?

[Philadelphia Art Museum](#) , [National Museum of Natural History](#), and [National Museum of Mathematics](#) have all had fantastic projects this year.

10. In what format should the final projects be submitted?

There will be a detailed description of project submission expectations on the day of the hackathon. Teams will submit projects by 5:45 pm on the DevPost.

11. How will the projects be judged?

Projects will be evaluated using this [rubric](#) in the following areas:

- **Fit**
Does the product address the prompt?
- **Innovation**
Does the product introduce a new approach or perspective, technical, analytical, or visual?
- **Functionality**
Does the product function as intended? Is it robust and easy to interact with?
- **Design**
Is the product aesthetically pleasing? Does the design of the product elevate its message?
- **Extensibility**
Can the product be easily expanded in the future?

12. What are the prize categories?

Prize categories are:

- First Place Award: \$1500
- Second Place Award: \$750
- Third Place Award: \$250
- Most Likely to Be Published: \$500



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13. What's the hashtag for this event? Where do I post my photos?

Please use the hashtag #ImpactHack. The Diplomacy Center's Twitter handle is @DiplomacyCenter. Post photos on [Impacthack.slack.com](https://impacthack.slack.com), #photos.

14. Wait.. what is the Diplomacy Center, anyway?

The United States Diplomacy Center is the first museum and education center dedicated to telling the story of American diplomacy. The Center's mission is to inspire discovery of how diplomacy shapes our nation's prosperity and security.

And the World Resources Institute?

World Resources Institute is a global research organization that spans more than 60 countries. Their more than 700 experts and staff work closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain Earth's natural resources—the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being.

What is Amazon Web Services (AWS)?

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is a secure cloud services platform, offering compute power, database storage, content delivery and other functionality to help businesses scale and grow. Explore how millions of customers are currently leveraging AWS cloud products and solutions to build sophisticated applications with increased flexibility, scalability and reliability.

15. How can I stay involved?

If you are interested in subscribing to more events, please [subscribe to our newsletter](#). And add photos to the [slack channel](#)!