

Position Description: TECH CORPS Hackathon Instructor



Position Summary

Part-time/Temporary position responsible for facilitating the TECH CORPS Hackathon, a one-day collaborative experience for high school students. During the hackathon, students will work in teams to explore how artificial intelligence is shaping their world, dig into challenging questions, develop their own point of view, create an original pitch, and make their perspective heard.

The instructor's role is to **guide the experience without giving students the answers**. Instructors lead activities, facilitate conversations, ask thoughtful questions, support collaboration, and help teams strengthen their ideas. Additional details below:

Dates: **November 7** (Cleveland, Dayton, Elyria); **November 14** (Columbus)

Time: 9am-6pm, with staff onsite before and after the student program for preparation and wrap-up

Wage: \$25 per hour plus paid training time

Specific Responsibilities:

- Attend the required Hackathon instructor training prior to the event.
- Become familiar with the hackathon experience, activities, discussion prompts, student challenge, and facilitation approach prior to the event.
- Create and maintain a welcoming, inclusive, and respectful environment where students feel comfortable sharing ideas, asking questions, and considering different perspectives.
- Ask thoughtful questions that help students explore assumptions, examine AI's impact, and develop their own point of view.
- Guide student teams through the Hackathon experience while allowing students to own their ideas, decisions, creative direction, and final pitch.
- Support teams as they turn their ideas into an original creative response, such as a skit, PSA, campaign, video concept, student guide, presentation, or another format developed by the team.
- Help students make decisions as a team and coach them as they prepare to clearly communicate and defend their point of view to judges.
- Encourage participation from all team members and help ensure each student has opportunities to contribute.
- Assist with event logistics, transitions, materials, student supervision, and other responsibilities needed for successful implementation.
- Provide TECH CORPS staff with feedback and program information as requested.
- Arrive promptly and prepared for all training and program responsibilities.

Qualifications:

- Passion for the TECH CORPS mission and a commitment to creating meaningful experiences for young people.
- Experience teaching, mentoring, coaching, facilitating, or leading groups of high school students.
- Strong communication, facilitation, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to ask questions that encourage students to think more deeply rather than simply providing answers.
- Ability to create an environment where different ideas and perspectives can be shared respectfully.
- Comfortable supporting student teams through ambiguity, discussion, problem-solving, and creative decision-making.
- Ability to encourage student ownership while providing appropriate guidance and structure.
- Creativity, flexibility, initiative, and positive energy.
- Professionalism, dependability, time management, and strong work ethic.
- Previous experience working with students from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences is a plus.
- Interest in artificial intelligence, technology, media, education, or the ways technology affects young people is helpful.

Content Knowledge/Experience (deep technical AI expertise is not required, helpful knowledge/experience may include):

- Artificial intelligence and its role in everyday life
- Digital literacy or responsible technology use
- Project-based or challenge-based learning
- Youth development
- Group discussion and facilitation
- Creative communication, storytelling, media, marketing, or presentation
- Coaching student teams and supporting student presentations or pitches

Instructors should be willing to learn the core AI concepts included during training for the Hackathon experience and be comfortable helping students explore, question, decide, create, pitch, and be heard.

Location: TECH CORPS Hack will take place in Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Elyria via partnerships with collegiate and K-12 school partners.

For additional details or to apply visit: bit.ly/26tcstaff

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