UNCOMMON HACKS 2021

The cyber ethos awaits. Build the future.

ABOUT US

Founded in 2016, Uncommon Hacks is a weekend-long celebration of technology where college students from everywhere come to Chicago to make fun, random, and innovative tech-related projects with friends old and new. Every year, we work hard to create a hackathon where all are welcome, regardless of experience or background, and where outside-the-box projects and creative thinking are encouraged. For our fifth annual hackathon last winter, we hosted more than 200 of the brightest and most highly motivated students from Universities around the United States. You can get an idea of what goes on at Uncommon Hacks by checking out our recap video from 2019:
https://youtu.be/p2X63fVdIIY

2021: A VIRTUAL HACKATHON

Because of the special circumstances this year, Uncommon Hacks will be hosting our first annual hackathon from April 2-4th, where students from across the world will convene virtually to build innovative, zany, and entirely uncommon technical projects. No experience and fee required! Students at all levels of familiarity with programming, hardware, and design will have opportunities to learn new skills through workshops and contribute to team or individual projects. In 2020, 35% of our participants identified as female or non-binary, and over 40% self-reported us as their first hackathon experience. We will also host sponsors from technology companies to mentor projects and connect with students.

This year Uncommon Hacks is going cyberpunk! We'll have workshops on game building, design, and animation as well as mainstays such as intro to programming, front- and back-end web dev, and technical career skills. Hacking time will be interspersed with social events for folks to make new friends and take their minds off hacking. First-time hackers, we've written a guide for you to learn more about what goes down at Uncommon Hacks: https://github.com/uncommonhacks/guide-virtual

WHAT WE DO FOR YOU

Through us, you can meet some of the world's brightest, outside-of-the-box programmers. You'll receive access to

> A team of your own to create uncommon technical projects
> A global networks of students, judges, and employers
> Workshops hosted by UChicago faculties and sponsors

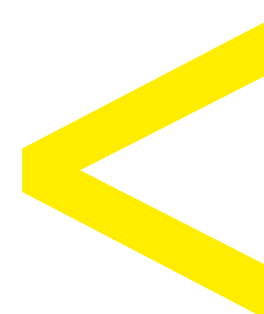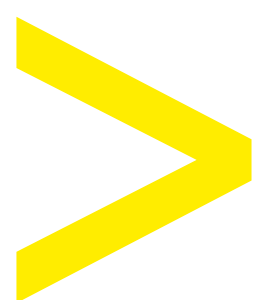and you'll be able to
> demo your final projects in front of judges and sponsor firms
> win amazing prizes

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APPLY NOW!

Application to our 2021 virtual hackathon is live and will close in early-March. The event is free to attend and register. Application is competitive and you should apply as early as possible.

University Registration:
https://9dg19x07v1j.typeform.com/to/AjZmVo8I
High School Registration:
https://9dg19x07v1j.typeform.com/to/k5qNeLNJ

ELIGIBILITY

We welcome all high school students and university students to register, no matter where you are from and what experience level you have. However, you should know that the minimum requirements are:

> Working proficiency in English
> All tech equipments specified in this guide:
https://github.com/uncommonhacks/guide-virtual
> Team work skills and dedication

MORE INFORMATION

For more specific information, please be sure
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