

# *SisterHacks*

*March 2-3, 2019 at Bryn Mawr College*

*The first hackathon of its kind for students of the Seven Sisters Colleges*

Our goal is to promote women in STEM at the Seven Sisters Colleges: **Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley Colleges**. There are hackathons offered at each school that are open to outside participants, but there is no such event just for Seven Sisters students. We wanted to change that in order to **strengthen networks**, use **the power of the Seven Sisters connection**, and to **bring together creative and strong women\*** for one weekend of jam-packed coding and fun!

SisterHacks is entirely **student-run** with representatives from each of the Seven Sisters schools with its roots at Bryn Mawr College. During the first iteration of the hackathon in March 2018, we had 10 student hackers and 10 student volunteers and mentors from across the Seven Sisters and the Tri-Colleges (Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Swarthmore). Over 60% of our participants were **first-time hackathon attendees**, and all participants had been to less than three hackathons. Our goal for the 2019 hackathon is to have 50 student hackers from the Seven Sisters and 15 student volunteers as mentors and workshop hosts from the Seven Sisters and Tri-Colleges.

## Ways to Get Involved

As SisterHacks is an event for the Seven Sisters students, we are looking to involve as many alumnae in tech as possible so that our students can meet professionals and have role models that they can look up to in the future. We offer the opportunity to be involved with SisterHacks 2019 in the following categories:

**a) Participation in the Alumnae in Tech Tea: Saturday, March 2nd, 2019, 3-4pm**

Participate in a panel on Saturday March 2nd, 2019 at 3pm to discuss with students your career journey and your experience as a woman in tech. Tea, coffee and cookies will be provided! We invite you to arrive before or stay after the tea to meet our students as they work on their projects or observe a workshop, which will be announced closer to the date!

**b) Judge: Sunday, March 3rd, 2019, 10-11:30am**

Judges should be an expert in some technical field or have business experience. They should know what to look for in a good technical project, either in design, coding execution, or real-life product potential. Example roles are UI/UX designer, software engineer, data scientist, product manager, entrepreneur, etc. Demos will begin at 10am and conclude with final judge deliberation. Judges will present their results and comments at the closing ceremony at noon.

**c) Closing ceremony speaker: Sunday, March 3rd, 2019, 12-1pm**

Speak to participants about your career path in technology or your experience as a woman in technology. We are looking for professionals with significant experience working in the technology industry. We are especially interested in speakers who have started a business or a successful side project, but it is not required. Your talk should be

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20-30 minutes long. We invite you to come before your talk at 11am to see the project demos.

**All of these opportunities will include food so you won't go hungry!**

If interested in any of these opportunities, please email [sisterhacksteam@gmail.com](mailto:sisterhacksteam@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you at SisterHacks!