ACM 2023-2024 Student Chapter Excellence Awards Application

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Award Category: Outstanding Chapter Activities

Chapter Name: *

University of Texas at Dallas ACM Student Chapter (46699)   ▼

City: *

Richardson

State/Province:

Texas

Country: *

United States of America   ▼

Outstanding Chapter Activities: Chapter Contact Information

Please provide all required information

URL for your Chapter homepage (for example, https://www.acm.org): *

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Outstanding Chapter Activities: Chapter Achievements

Provide brief descriptions as requested, and stay within the character limit for each

Please provide a brief description of your chapter and school (1500 character maximum) *

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), recognized as an emerging research university, hosts over 20,000 undergraduates, with a significant number pursuing studies in computing-related fields. The ACM Student Chapter at UTD stands as the premier CS organization not just within the university but also across the region. This year, we are proud to have a team of 120 officers and have engaged over 800 active members across hundreds of events and meetings, reflecting our dedication to creating a more collaborative computing community.

Our chapter's mission is to unite and serve as a voice for the student body to the CS Department while offering resources, opportunities, and advocacy for students regardless of their experience level.

Organized into eight divisions, our chapter delivers a range of activities and services. Industry connects students with the industry through sponsorships and events. HackUTD leads one of the largest hackathons. Projects provides a platform for software development experience. Education offers workshops and courses to enhance learning and prepare students for technical interviews. Development creates software solutions for the community, with some sites having over 50,000 visits per year. Research encourages academic inquiry and preparation for presenting at symposiums. Media creates engaging content and promotes our events and achievements. Community extends our impact through outreach initiatives and builds a cohesive internal community.

Outstanding Chapter Activities Essay Guidelines (4000 character maximum) *

Tell us about your chapter's most successful activity/activities – you may list a maximum of 4. Please ensure to enumerate each one and place in order from oldest to newest. Be sure to describe each activity, including: the date (add end date if it was multiple days), the type of event, how many people participated, how it was funded, and what made it a success. If you have web pages for these activities, include the URLs. Please be sure to use your chapter's official name - do not refer to your chapter as 'ACM,' 'ACM-W' or 'WICS.' Please note, links to essays will not be accepted and will disqualify your chapter.

1. HackUTD X
Date: November 4-5, 2023

HackUTD is the largest hackathon in Texas and the second largest 24-hour hackathon in the US with 1056 attendees from 30 different universities, across the US and Canada. HackUTD X was entirely funded by sponsorships of different tiers from reputable companies such as Goldman Sachs, Toyota, Fidelity, State Farm, EOG Resources, CBRE, Frontier, Fannie Mae, JP Morgan Chase & Co., Geico, and Axxess. Our team was able to garner over $80,000 to support the event.

We uniquely cater to both beginners and experienced participants, with over 500 beginner hackers. Out of those that attended, we had 230 project submissions with 875 submitters. Projects were judged by 40 judges, with a combination of professors, alumni, and industry mentors. HackUTD's success is attributed to the year-long work of the 31 ACM officers that make up the HackUTD organizing team, as well as the many volunteers and mentors that helped throughout the weekend.

Event homepage: https://hackutd.co/
website: https://x.hackutd.co/
Devpost: https://hackutd-x.devpost.com/
Promotional video: https://youtu.be/fRdV4bnUchM?si=XMsrlcSXYw8RD89q

2. UTD ACM Olympics
Date: September 15-17, 2023

The UTD ACM Olympics stood out as a key event for team-building and skills development, engaging a wide participant base with a mix of coding, physical, and creative challenges. It leveraged a dynamic Discord community for announcements and interactions, enhancing its reach. Technological innovations, including bot integrations for registration and team management, showcased our tech-driven approach to fostering community engagement.

This event is sponsored by our UTD ACM sponsors which the industry team works to attract year round. Additional funding was also provided by the universities engineering and computer science Council to make the event bigger and open to more of the university.

The UTD ACM Olympics featured a wide array of events from partner programming, showcasing the core of ACM's mission, to unexpected hits like running and pushups, revealing the surprising athleticism within the tech community. The event also embraced less popular, niche activities like speedcubing and origami, ensuring there was something for everyone.

The UTD ACM Olympics' success stemmed from its inclusive vision and strategic volunteer engagement,

drawing new participants who often became active ACM members. Open to all students, its approach broadened the event's impact and underscored ACM's pivotal role in fostering a welcoming tech community at UTD.

3. RISD HS Hackathon
Date: April 14th-15th, 2023

The UTD ACM RISD Hackathon aimed to connect high school students with technology and coding, welcoming all, especially juniors and seniors. This two-day event at Berkner High School offered transportation for easy access, featured general and advanced challenges to inspire solutions for community and educational needs, and included a series of 5 workshops to prepare participants with essential skills, utilizing Chromebooks and Windows laptops for practical experience.

The event was sponsored by Raytheon and UTD ACM, with a Berkner High School budget of $4,000 for merchandise and prizes.

Communication and resource sharing were streamlined through Google Classroom and Remind 101, with HackPortal by UTD ACM integrated for centralized access, enhancing both logistics and the participant experience. Prizes like AirPods, portable chargers, and mini drones rewarded workshop attendance and excellence in general, advanced, design, and people's choice categories. The "Retro" theme fostered creativity, contributing to the event's success in community engagement, skill development, and opening pathways for students into tech careers.
UTD ACM RISD Hackathon website: https://risdhack.vercel.app/

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