

"Winning Strategies: Mastering Hackathons and Data Science Competitions"

October 4, 2024 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ - Business Hall (Room 104)

Jumpstart your hackathon success with our intensive half-day workshop! Designed for aspiring innovators, this session equips you with essential strategies and skills to excel in hackathons.

Agenda

09:30-9:50 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:50-10:00 **Forough Ghahramani, EdD, AVP Research and Innovation, NJ Edge**
Hieu Nguyen, PhD, Professor, Rowan University
- Welcome Remarks

Umashanger Thayasivam, PhD, Professor and Department Chair, College of Science & Mathematics
- Rowan University Data Science Program

10:00-10:30 **Kelly Fitzpatrick, Associate Professor, County College of Morris**
Anita Wright, Assistant Professor, Camden County College
- Introduction to Hackathons
- Forming a Team
- Idea Generation and Selection
- Planning and Time Management

10:30-11:30 **Bala Desinghu, PhD, Senior AI Research Engineer, Kempner Institute, Harvard University**
- Technical Skills Overview:
  - Common technologies and tools used in hackathons (e.g., specific programming languages, APIs, frameworks).
  - Quick tutorials or resources for brushing up on these skills.

11:30-12:00 **Kelly Fitzpatrick and Anita Wright**
- Pitching and Presentation Skills
- Networking and Collaboration

12:00-12:30 **Student Hackathon Success Panel**
Robert Czarnota (Camden County College)
Favio Jasso (County College of Morris)
David Maldonado (County College of Morris Student)

12:30 – 1:00 **Networking Lunch**

1:00 **Workshop Adjourns**