



## **"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**

- o Welcome Remarks

**Umashanger Thayasivam, PhD, Professor and Department Chair, College of Science & Mathematics**

- o Rowan University Data Science Program

**10:00-10:30 Kelly Fitzpatrick, Associate Professor, County College of Morris  
Anita Wright, Assistant Professor, Camden County College**

- o Introduction to Hackathons
- o Forming a Team
- o Idea Generation and Selection
- o Planning and Time Management

**10:30-11:30 Bala Desinghu, PhD, Senior AI Research Engineer, Kempner Institute, Harvard University**

- o 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**

- o Pitching and Presentation Skills
- o 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**