



Smart Water Hackathon 2019 – FAQ

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1. What is a Hackathon?

Hackathons are popular innovation-related initiatives within the tech industry. A Hackathon is an intense event that brings together computer programmers, software developers, graphic designers and UI/UX specialists, along with sector-specific experts and professionals, to create solutions to pressing industry challenges, usually within a short period of time (1-3 days).

2. Who should attend?

Current students in either undergraduate/graduate studies or young professionals under 30 years of age. SWAN Members under 35 y/o are also invited to join.

We recommend those who register to have some previous experience in one or more of the following fields: web & application development, technology innovation, smart water management, water resource conservation & graphic design.

3. Do I need to bring anything?

While we will provide the venue (chairs, desks, Wi-Fi), you are asked to bring your laptops, mobile phones, and most importantly, positive energy and your brain!

4. What is the goal of this event?

We want to facilitate an exciting environment that welcomes new ideas and technology solutions for the benefit of the water utility industry. While we appreciate that it may take longer than one day to develop great solutions, this is a great opportunity to form teams of great people working on much-needed problem solving.

5. Can I sign up with friends to form a team?

We encourage teams at the Hackathon to form around the theme: “Leveraging Water Use Data for Smart Water Management” – this was selected by Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department. We do encourage participants to start forming teams before the event, as this will help save time.

6. Can I sign up as an individual?

Yes, of course! Please go ahead and register on the [official Hackathon website](#) and we will do our best to assign you to an individual/team. Please note you will need to be at least two individuals on one team to participate.

7. What is the maximum number of team members allowed?

We recommend you do not exceed 5 individuals as part of your team.

8. Who owns the project and IP?

Participating teams will be the sole owners of the project and IP. While we encourage the use of open source coding, this is not required to participate in this event.

9. Will food and water be provided?

We realize you need food and water to be able to hack successfully! Food and drinks will be provided throughout the day to keep those brain cells working :-)

10. Are there prizes being offered for winning teams?

We are thrilled to announce \$3,000 in available prize money being generously sponsored by Evoqua Water Technologies for the winning teams (\$2,000 USD for first place, \$1,000 USD for second place)!

11. Are travel subsidies/scholarships being offered?

Unfortunately, as a non-profit entity, we are unable to offer travel subsidies or scholarships, but please note that this event is completely FREE to attend.