Voice Assistants
For All Hackathon

You’ve Got Questions. We’ve Got Answers.

What is Virtual Assistants for All Hackathon?
The Voice Assistants for All Hackathon is an event hosted by the USC Center for Body Computing and WITH Foundation with hopes to utilize emerging technologies to help bridge the gap in healthcare and work toward inclusive healthcare for all.

How long is the hackathon and where is it located?
It is a 36-hour hackathon hosted in Playa Vista, CA on July 12, 2018 – July 13, 2018.

Does Virtual Assistants for All Hackathon cost money?
Participating is free for all hackers, although all travel costs will be the responsibility of participants. The Center for Body Computing will provide the voice assistant technology platforms, but teams will need to bring their own computers and charging cords at minimum.

What voice assistant technology platform/s are provided?
We are pleased to work with Orbita, Inc. Participants choosing to use their technology will be provided a sandbox trial version of the Orbita Voice™ solution. Orbita Voice is healthcare’s first enterprise-grade platform for creating and managing conversational voice experiences for devices such as Amazon Echo or Google Home as well as chat bot interfaces and other voice-first environments. Orbita provides an intuitive, graphical designer and drag-and-drop interfaces to easily build application flows -- as well as pre-built templates and examples. Learn more about Orbita Voice and watch Orbita’s instructional videos for developers.

Who can participate in Virtual Assistants for All Hackathon?
Anyone can participate! All we ask is that teams include at least 2 members and no more than 5 members. We also encourage teams with expertise in diverse fields, such as creative arts, computer science, medicine, and/or engineering.

What is the best way for me to join a team or to request teammates?
We encourage you to find teammates using social media and the hashtag #Voices4All. Additionally, meet-ups, developer blogs, and LinkedIn can be helpful resources.

What expertise are you looking for in a team?
We are looking for expertise that demonstrate a team’s potential. Team Potential is the ability and commitment of the team to develop their concept into a working prototype by the end of the Challenge and sustain it beyond the Challenge timeframe.

The challenge seems broad. When will we know more detail?
To keep the hackathon fair, we will reveal the specific goals on the day of the event. This will keep an even playing field. For now, if you are interested in participating, sign up for updates above. This way you can receive important need-to-know information firsthand.

When can I apply?
The applications will open April 2, 2018 and will close on June 12, 2018 at 11:59PM.

How do we submit a proposal?
You can submit a proposal via a link on the hackathon website here. Please try to submit up to 1 hour before the submissions close to assure that we receive your submission.

**What kind of visual asset is expected for my submission?**
It is really up to you as each solution is unique. The purpose of the visual asset is to illustrate how users will interact with this solution. Helpful visual assets may include storyboard, visual sketches, technical specifications, videos and more.

**What is the prize for this hackathon?**
The Virtual Assistants for All Hackathon is offering a cash prize of $10,000 to the winning team.

**Will we be staying overnight?**
Yes, this is a 36-hour hackathon and you will be staying overnight at USC ICT in Playa Vista. More details concerning the actual day of the event will be emailed to all participants and ample time will be provided to make travel plans to the venue.

**Have a question that we didn't answer here?**
Drop us a line at bodycomputing@med.usc.edu and we'll do our best to help!