2019 MIT Policy Hackathon

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Information for **Participants**

MIT Policy Hackathon: Data to Decisions is a 48-hour hackathon convened by students from MIT's Institute for Data, Systems, and Society and the MIT Technology and Policy Program that aims to address some of today's most relevant societal challenges while fostering an interdisciplinary spirit. This hackathon will gather participants to **work together in teams to propose creative policy solutions using a combination of robust data analytics and domain knowledge.** As such, we're looking for people from a wide range of backgrounds – from public policy to data science to engineering and more.

Register today! Applications are due 3/15.

What topics will be covered?

This year's hackathon will include challenge statements that focus on the following topics: (1) Energy & Climate (2) Transportation and Urban Planning (3) Health (4) Employment, Education, and Future of Work (5) Artificial Intelligence & Cybersecurity

How do I register?

Visit mitpolicyhackathon.org and fill out the application form.
Participation in the hackathon is not guaranteed through registration because we have limited space and need to ensure that we will have well-rounded teams across all of the domains. You will share which areas you are interested in applying for and will be asked about relevant experience.
Applications are due March 15 by 11:59PM EST. Decisions will be sent out March 19.

What kinds of resources will be provided?

Each challenge statement will be accompanied by a background memo containing data sets and resources that could be useful in crafting your policy solutions.
We will also have representatives from the institutions sponsoring the challenge statements available to talk with teams during the hackathon. Teams will be given space to work and meals will be provided from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

What are the outcomes of the hackathon?

Teams will be charged with producing data-driven policy solutions to their challenge statements in the form of a 3-minute pitch and a 3 to 5 page policy paper.
Initial judging will be based on the pitch, after which judges will hold a Q&A session with finalists based on their policy papers. The winners of the hackathon will not only receive cash prizes, but also will be given the opportunity to work with the MIT Washington Office to connect winners with relevant audiences for their work.