

2022 CTSC Health Hackathon FAQs

Who can attend?

We welcome clinicians, entrepreneurs, engineers, developers, and designers. You can be faculty, students or community members. This innovation event is for all who are interested in addressing some of the most challenging problems in healthcare and medicine.

I'm a UNM Faculty Member – can I participate?

YES! We have many ways for any level of faculty to join in:

- **Be a Participant**, bring your research, bring a team, this is a great environment to think outside the box, experience team-science collaboration, get fresh perspectives.
- **Be a Mentor**, Skilled experts from all disciplines are needed to provide teams with insights, guidance, feedback, and assist with problem solving throughout the weekend
- **HSC Faculty PI's** are needed to mentor the winning teams for the NIH Pilot Grant. Find opportunities to expand your portfolios, align your interests & research with a new team, enhance your leadership and mentoring skills in a fun and exciting environment.

What should I bring?

First and foremost, bring your passion, skills, and expertise. You are welcome to bring a laptop, notebook, and/or software you prefer. We will provide food, beverages, working spaces, and a variety of prototyping / hacking materials supplies. *Following UNM policy, attendees will also need to bring a current ID and proof of COVID vaccination.

How do I pitch my idea?

The first idea pitch is Friday night. You have 60 Seconds to:

- **Explain the Healthcare problem you want to tackle.** Tell a story about it. What is the problem? Who is suffering because of it? Why is it important? Do you have a proposed solution?
- **Be inspirational.** You are attracting people to form a team. Is there expertise you need to launch this idea? Engineering, clinical, and business are all part of the most successful teams.
- Prepare for questions

Your idea will be posted on the wall where you will engage with the other attendees for the next step, Team Formation.

How do teams work?

Based on past experience, teams work best with 5-8 members. Participants will interact during a social kickoff event on Friday evening when they are welcome to pitch their ideas to attract teammates with needed skills or similar interests. Teams will form at this time.

Do I need to bring a team myself, or will I be placed on a team?

If you have a team already, that's great. You may meet new people to add to your team to round out skillsets. Each member will need to register. Hackathon is not the format for an existing company or startup with raised funds.

What if I don't have a team?

If you registered as an individual and do not yet have a team, that is perfect. Friday night is all about exploring ideas, bringing a fresh perspective, and learning new skills. Participants are not required to have pre-existing ideas coming into the event.

I don't code -- what about me?

Not all hackers code! In fact, you've found the perfect place and time to pick up new skills and experience. There will be mentors, workshops, and tech talks to help ease you through the hackathon experience.

Do I have to stay the entire time?

We strongly encourage you stay with your team. Team building is a critical aspect during hackathon. We provide working spaces, design supplies, consultants, and many resources to support innovation within the quick turnaround time. However you are welcome to work off campus, and come and go as you please.

At the end of the event, what should a finished proposal look like?

Teams will have 5 minutes to present their project; 3 minutes for a final pitch with 2 minutes Q&A by the judges. A finished project should consist of a pitch deck presented by one or all of the teammates and some type of a prototype or visualization of the solution. A/V equipment will be available. A copy of the scoring rubric is provided in your attendee packet. Judges look for solutions or products that are innovative, fresh and viable.

What do winning teams receive?

Winning teams are invited to apply for grants from the CTSC of up to \$10,000 to help bring their ideas to life. The NIH funded grants require an HSC Principal Investigator (PI) to be identified on the grant. The PI supports and mentors the team throughout the grant process, execution, and closing. Teams can self-select an HSC PI or CTSC can assist in finding an appropriate PI.

What about Parking?

As an afterhours / weekend event, parking will be available around the Domenici Building. You are welcome to park in any surface lot with available spaces without a special permit EXCEPT pay station spaces (including parking structures), reserved spaces, 'R' lot, and ADA spaces. Be sure to follow the rules for those spaces. Need a map? [Click here to view the North Campus parking options.](#)

How do I connect to a wireless network during the hackathon?

The WiFi is: HSC Guest

Will I be photographed?

By agreeing to participate, you acknowledge that you could be photographed, video-taped, recorded, etc. and could be used in various forms of media.

***Health & Safety**

We are committed to providing a safe and educational experience for all attendees. As a UNM hosted event, all participants, organizers, and guests agree to abide by current UNM Health & Safety policies and standards. Here are some tips before you arrive:

- **Arrive early.** To allow time for parking and check-in.

- Upon arrival, go to the check-in table and supply proof of COVID-19 vaccination. You will receive a wristband upon verification.
- **Remember to bring a mask with you.** Masks must be worn at all times inside of Domenici and other campus facilities.

** **Note:** Event organizers will adhere the UNM policies and protocols at the time of the event. If you have questions about the COVID procedures or general health & safety practices during the event, please contact the event organizers at HSC-Hackathon@salud.unm.edu*