#HACKCORRUPTION

FAQ AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read through this document before starting your application. It will help you prepare for the questions you'll be asked, and help you better understand what we are looking for.

Q1: Do I need to be a tech professional/coder/software developer to apply?
No! HackCorruption welcomes people with a wide range of experiences. You do not have to be a technology expert to apply, but you need to have an understanding of corruption and how governments work in relation to the 3 problem sets so that you can be partnered with tech experts to build your tool.

Q2: Can I apply as an individual, or do I need a full team to apply?
We welcome both individuals and groups of up to 5 participants. *If you apply as an individua*l, you will be placed into a team by organizers based on your skills and your interests. *If you apply as a team*, please make sure that your team brings diverse skills in both the technology and governance aspects. To be considered as a team, each member needs to submit an individual application. We also encourage you to build a team that's diverse in terms of gender.

Q3: What language will be used during the hackathon?
The hackathon will be bilingual, and participants need to complete the application form in English to qualify for selection. If selected, you are welcome to ideate in Spanish, but you need to be able to communicate in English so that you can also engage with the HackCorruption cohorts from Nepal and South Africa to get the most out of this community. Organizers will send official communication in English, but you can always ask for clarification if you do not understand. Additionally, your application will not be judged on the quality of the language you use. We understand that English may not be your first language.

Q4: Will it cost me any money to participate?
No! If you are selected, organizers will cover your travel, accommodation, visa, and meals.

Q5: Is there an age limit for participation?
No! HackCorruption welcomes any participants over the age of 18 from eligible countries.

Application Questions

Please look at the question you need to answer on the application form before starting the process. Pay attention to the additional instructions we list under some of the questions below.

Section 1: Basic background questions

1. **Which country are you applying from?**

2. **First Name**

3. **Last Name**

4. **Email Address**

5. **Phone number**
   Please include your international dialing code

6. **Gender Identity**

7. **Do you identify as a person with disabilities?**

8. **What is your date of birth?**
   There is no age restriction for participants. We will only use this information to verify that you are an adult and to create a diverse cohort of participants.

9. **Please share a very short bio with us.**
   Here you will have 500 characters to give us an overview of your relevant professional experience. Note that it is 500 characters, not 500 words.

10. **We want to learn more about your skills and experience. How would you rate your understanding of corruption and the issues covered in the problem sets for the hackathon?**
    Here you will rate your understanding of corruption and the problem sets listed on the website from having "no knowledge at all", to being an expert. <u>Please be honest.</u> You don't have to be an expert, but we need this information to put you on the best team based on your skills.

11. Why are you motivated to create tech tools that push back against corruption? Please share examples of any past experience working on anti-corruption efforts.
We want to understand your motivation and past experience. So please provide specific examples of past experience if you have any. Previous anti-corruption experience is not a prerequisite for participation.

12. Do you have coding/software development skills?
This is a simple yes/no question, but we need you to be very honest about your past experience.

13. Please tell us more about your coding/software development experience. Give examples of your past projects, and tell us about the programming languages you use.
If you answered "yes" to the previous question, you will be brought to this screen. Be as specific as possible. We want to have a good understanding of your technical capacity. This information will help us build diverse teams.

14. Please rank the corruption challenges we seek to address in order of your interest.
Rank the HackCorruption problem sets from 1 (most interested) to 3 (least interested). Please read the description for each problem set on the website. The problem sets are as follows:
   a. Open Contracting & Transparency of Public Procurement
   b. Budget and Ownership Transparency
   c. Digital Citizenship to Constrain Corruption

15. Are you interested in working on TRANSNATIONAL CORRUPTION?
Participants who are interested in working on one of the 3 problems at a transnational level - beyond just 1 country - should indicate that here. This is not a requirement for participation. Only select this option if you have this interest.

16. Please tell us how you would like to work on 1 of the 3 corruption problem statements listed on the HackCorruption website. Please share any thoughts on a specific challenge you would like to solve. You can also share ideas related to countering transnational corruption.
Here we would like to learn whether you already have ideas that you'd like to build on through the hackathon process. This will help us with your team placement.

17. Are you applying as part of a group?
You are welcome to apply as a group. If you do, please have the names of your group members ready when you complete your form.

18. Please list the names of your other group members.
If you indicated that you are part of a group, please give us the names of your group members. Note that each member has to submit an individual application form.

To participate, all applicants have to agree to HackCorruption's Terms and Rules. Please read the document carefully before continuing.
Please click on the link and read through the rules carefully before proceeding to the next screen. The document contains important information about the selection and judging criteria, as well as matters relating to intellectual property developed through the HackCorruption process. If you complete the application form, organizers will assume that you understand the rules. If anything is unclear, please send us a message via the question box at the bottom of the HackCorruption website.

19. Do you confirm that you have read and agree with HackCorruption's Terms and Rules?

20. Do you have US citizenship or permanent residency?
US citizens or permanent residents (green card holders) are not eligible to participate. Please do not submit an application if you are a citizen or permanent resident of the USA.

21. If you are not from Colombia, please confirm whether you have a valid passport to travel to Colombia.
Your passport needs to be valid for at least 6 more months to be able to travel. Please give us an honest answer, as we need to start booking tickets immediately after the selection process. There won't be time for you to apply for a passport, or to renew your passport if it has expired.

22. Can you commit to participating in HackCorruption beyond the hackathon if you are selected as one of the winning teams?
HackCorruption is more than a 3-day commitment, as winning teams will be expected to continue working on their idea with ongoing support. We are looking for participants who would like to turn their ideas into a reality, and we want to support the teams with the most feasible ideas to build them. Please do not apply if you won't be available if you aren't interested in working on your idea beyond the hackathon.

23. Are you able to participate in the hackathon in person in Bogota from 18 to 20 August 2023?
Please do not apply if you won't be available to attend the hackathon.

24. Finally, please share a profile picture with us.

Please have a photo ready to upload. Note this photo will be used to announce your selection if you are selected as a participant.