

MidQWest

Midwest Quantum Hackathon

Corporate Brochure

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About MidQWest

The Midwest Quantum Hackathon, or MidQWest for short, is a premier student-led initiative targeting quantum workforce development in Chicago and the broader Midwest as the region pushes to become a hub for quantum technologies.

This event, planned for the weekend of November 14-15, 2026 at the University of Illinois Chicago campus, will follow a hackathon-style format as student teams will implement quantum information science and engineering to solve challenges called “quests.”

Inspired by nationally relevant and high-impact quantum hackathon events such as MIT’s iQuHACK and Yale’s YQuantum, this event seeks to:

- Fill a critical gap in the current academic and professional ecosystem, creating a central meeting point for Midwest students to collaborate and compete in a quantum hackathon.
- Celebrate the “Year of Illinois Quantum,” aligning with broader regional and national efforts to promote quantum information science and engineering.
- Enable workforce development in the Midwest by accelerating technical skill development, building peer networks, and cultivating professional portfolios.

Organized in collaboration by the region's top student quantum organizations, MidQWest is the perfect place for companies to make a strong impression on talented students from top-10 programs in Engineering, Physics, and Computer Science. By gathering the next generation of quantum leaders in one place, the event provides an ideal venue for recruiting interns, co-ops, and full-time hires during the November recruitment season.



**Quantum Student
Organization**
of Purdue University

**CHICAGO
QUANTUM
EXCHANGE**



Sponsoring MidQWest

Why Sponsor

Partner with MidQWest to connect with top Engineering, Physics, and Computer Science students and help build a lasting Midwest quantum talent pipeline.

It takes a lot to organize a quantum hackathon, and we have a dedicated team! Your sponsorship directly enables the event by funding prizes, merchandise, food and catering, travel, and challenge development.

Sponsorship is offered in tiers: the higher the tier, the greater your visibility and benefits.

How to Sponsor

Sponsoring is simple. First, choose a sponsorship tier from the sponsorship package on the next page and get in contact with River Chen (riveryc2@illinois.edu), our treasurer.

Then, we can send you an invoice along with our W-9 (we operate under ACM's nonprofit status), or set up a Stripe payment link — whichever your company prefers.



Learn more at midqwest.dev!

Sponsorship Packages

\$500

QUBIT

The fundamental unit... a superposition of both half a band and two level system!

Logo on website, signage, and event t-shirts

Discord community shoutout

\$1,000

BELL

Entangled in financials! Isn't that grand...

All of Qubit with the addition of:

Access to resume book

Technical Workshop

\$3,000

GHZ

Sponsors demonstrate nonlocality by influencing hackathons at a distance...

All of Bell with the addition of:

Dedicated sponsor table at the venue

Workshop or challenge-problem slot

Seat on the judging panel

\$10,000

PARTNER

For not even the price of a gram of Helium-3...

All of GHZ with the addition of:

Front and center branding

Work with organizing team to create

custom challenge problem

Hackathon Event Descriptions

Opportunity to host a challenge or judge a prize category

Sponsors can host specific challenges during the hackathon. These challenges can be designed to incorporate the sponsor's API or products, or simply bear the sponsor's name and relate to their industry. Hosting a challenge allows sponsors to see firsthand how students can creatively apply their products and technologies, potentially uncovering new and unique use cases. Alternatively, sponsors can opt to judge a prize category, choosing the winner of the category and potentially including one of their products as a prize.

General Events and Mentorship

In addition to working on their projects, students have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops and tech talks throughout the event. Sponsors can host these sessions, providing mentorship and sharing expertise in new skills, programming languages, or topics relevant to the hackathon challenges. This interaction allows sponsors to connect with students, offering guidance and support to help them create projects for the hackathon and allowing sponsors to foster relationships with potential future talent.

Branding

All tiers of sponsorship include various levels of branding opportunities, including having their company names and logos featured on our website, event T-shirts, and other promotional materials. Higher-tier sponsors will also have their logos prominently displayed on event banners plus social media recognition posts in our Instagram/LinkedIn.

Sponsor Table

Located in a central location within the hackathon, sponsor tables serve as a hub for student engagement. These tables allow sponsors to display pamphlets, promotional materials, and distribute free swag, ensuring a strong company presence at the hackathon. On-site recruiters can interact with students throughout the event, facilitating direct connections and recruitment opportunities.

API/Product Showcase

Sponsors have the opportunity to showcase their products or APIs during the hackathon. Through dedicated marketing and event support, we ensure that these showcases receive maximum visibility among participants. This is a prime chance for sponsors to demonstrate the capabilities and benefits of their products, inspiring innovative uses and applications by the students. For example, at the sponsor's request, their products can be featured in the hackathon's challenges.

Contact us with any inquiries – we look forward to partnering with you!



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