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Participant's Manual

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Introduction

Welcome to the ICP-Nigeria DecaHack Participant Manual. This manual serves as your comprehensive guide to navigate through an exciting journey designed to empower you with the knowledge and skills required to thrive in the world of technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

In this manual, we will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the program's structure, expectations, and the roles of various participants, including developers, non-developers, and Campus Ambassadors. Whether you are tech-savvy or new to the world of technology, this program offers opportunities for growth and learning that can benefit you and your community.

We encourage you to read this manual thoroughly to ensure that you fully understand the program's components and how you can make the most of your involvement. Your commitment and enthusiasm are essential for the success of the ICP-Nigeria DecaHack. Let's embark on this journey together, shaping the future of technology and innovation.

Program Overview

The ICP-Nigeria DecaHack is a pioneering initiative, sponsored by the Internet Computer Protocol (ICP) and organized by Sahara ICP Hub, that brings together ten Nigerian universities for a series of transformative events. This initiative is designed to enable you to sharpen your technical skills, collaborate with like-minded individuals, and potentially turn your innovative tech ideas into successful startups.



Expectations from Participants

As a participant in the Virtual Bootcamp, you are expected to:

- Actively engage with the training materials and resources provided.
- Complete the training modules at your own pace.
- Seek assistance and clarification as needed from mentors and instructors.
- Collaborate with fellow participants to enhance your learning experience.
- Apply the knowledge gained during the Bootcamp to your project development.

Dev Office Hours

- Throughout the program, you will have access to Dev Office Hours, an invaluable resource for technical support and Q&A sessions. In-house developers and tech leads will be available to address your queries, provide guidance, and assist you in overcoming technical challenges.
- The Dev Office Hours offer a direct line of communication to experienced professionals who can help you on your journey, ensuring that you have the support needed to excel in your training and project development.
- The dates of subsequent Dev office hours will be announced on the channels and all members will be notified.

B. Virtual Open Days and Ideathon Session: Fostering Web3 Innovation

The Virtual Open Days are a unique and vital component of the [Program Name]. They offer a personal touchpoint within the virtual program and are instrumental in fostering innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurship. A key feature of the Virtual Open Days is the Ideathon Session, where participants can brainstorm and ideate potential Web3-based startups.

Purpose and Importance

Virtual Open Days serve several crucial purposes:

- They enable participants to meet in person and foster stronger connections.
- To conduct an ICP worthy ideation session.
- Participants can showcase their work and network with peers, mentors, and industry professionals.
- The physical touchpoint enhances collaboration and entrepreneurship



14. **Web3 Data Marketplace:** Developing a marketplace for decentralized data sharing, where users have full control over their data and can monetize it.
15. **Web3 Governance Platform:** Creating a platform for decentralized decision-making and governance using blockchain technology.
16. **Web3 NFT Ecosystem:** Expanding the NFT (Non-Fungible Token) space with innovative use cases and solutions that add value to artists and collectors.
17. **Web3 Content Distribution Network (CDN):** Enhancing content delivery with a decentralized CDN that leverages HTTP outcalls for efficient data distribution.
18. **Web3 Gaming Platform:** Building a blockchain-based gaming platform with unique gameplay and in-game asset ownership.

Remember, innovation knows no bounds. These ideas are just a starting point. During the Ideathon session, you'll have the opportunity to brainstorm, collaborate, and develop your own creative concepts that align with Web3 technology and the ecosystem's needs.

We encourage you to think boldly, leverage your newfound skills, and explore the vast potential of Web3 technology in your startup ideas. The Ideathon is your chance to shine and make a difference in the Web3 world. We look forward to witnessing your innovative ideas come to life.

Networking and Collaboration

The ICP-Nigeria DecaHack is more than just a series of events; it's an opportunity to build a collaborative and supportive community of innovators. Throughout the program, you will have the chance to network with peers, mentors, and industry leaders. Here are some key points to remember:

1. **Collaboration Opportunities:** This program encourages collaboration and innovation. Don't hesitate to reach out to fellow participants to work on projects or share ideas.
2. **Engaging with Other Participants:** Make the most of the networking opportunities provided during the Virtual Open Days and other program events. Engage in meaningful conversations, exchange ideas, and establish valuable connections.
3. **Building a Supportive Community:** By fostering a sense of community and mutual support, we can collectively empower one another to reach new heights.



D. Startup Showcase

The grand finale of the ICP-Nigeria DecaHack is the Startup Showcase, where you'll have the opportunity to present your projects to a global audience, including potential investors and industry professionals.

1. **The Grand Finale Event:** The Startup Showcase is the pinnacle of your journey, where you'll have the chance to shine and showcase your MVPs. In attendance are some major delegates globally including political leaders from Nigeria.
2. **Presentation Guidelines:** Prepare to deliver engaging and impactful presentations that demonstrate the potential of your projects. Further details on this will be shared with you as the date approaches.
3. **Grant Opportunities and Awards:** Stand a chance to win grants and receive globally recognized awards that can catapult your startup to new heights.

Timeline and Milestones

To ensure that you're well-prepared for each phase of the program, it's essential to stay informed about key dates and milestones. A detailed timeline will be provided, outlining the start and end dates for each stage, so you can plan and participate effectively.

The Role of Ambassadors

Ambassadors play a crucial role in the success of this program. They are the driving force behind the engagement, outreach, and leadership within their respective university communities. As a Campus Ambassador, you are expected to actively promote the program, engage with your peers, and gather essential data for effective planning.

As a Campus Ambassador, you have a unique and pivotal role in the success of the ICP-Nigeria DecaHack. Your responsibilities include:

1. Actively promoting the program within your university community.
2. Encouraging your peers to participate and make the most of this transformative opportunity.
3. Assisting in data collection and budget proposal submission.
4. Coordinating the logistics of the event, such as venue arrangements, lighting, projectors, and refreshments for the virtual open days.
5. Engaging your university community and encouraging participation.



Budget Proposal Guidelines

Ambassadors will be expected to submit budget proposals outlining the expected costs of hosting the Virtual Open Days. These proposals should include estimates for event logistics, lighting, projectors, refreshments, and any other essential expenses.

Data Collection and Deadline

Gathering data is crucial to the success of the program. In a short timeframe of one week, we aim to collect essential information that will help us plan effectively and cater to the needs of participants. Ambassadors are encouraged to share a Google Form within their networks to collect this data. The data collection period will be limited to two weeks, so timely participation is essential. We appreciate your active involvement in this process, as it is crucial for successful program planning.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

To address common questions and provide clarity, we've compiled a list of frequently asked questions. Here are some of the common queries:

1. How do I access the training materials for the Virtual Bootcamp?

The training materials will be provided by expert trainers. You can expect to see and have access to them after deciding which of the SDKs training you will be going for and then signing up for it.

2. What is the role of mentors and how can I connect with them?

The mentors will be available frequently during the scheduled mentorship sessions and formed teams will have the opportunity to engage with them, in a group or on a one-on-one basis. The role of the mentors is to provide mentorship on business, marketing, community building, technical deployment among others to make your project a success and scale.

3. How can I participate in the Virtual Mini Hackathons?

The date of the Virtual Mini Hackathons will be announced, and it will only last for a short while prior to the scheduled Major stage pitch event. Participation in the mini hackathons is not only limited to those who commenced or signed up for the virtual bootcamps. Experienced undergraduate students' developers with ideas can as well join at this stage.

4. What are the evaluation criteria for project presentations at the Startup Showcase?

The projects must meet the ICP developers grant criteria and requirements. Endeavor to read the manual for better understanding. Exceptions can be made for exceptional projects not covered by these criteria.

5. How can I apply for grants and awards?

The first criteria to qualify is to participate in the program. The grants and awards are reserved for the participants. However, if you have a project idea that follows the criteria, and a team well vast on the ICP ecosystem, you can apply for a Dev grant separately and it will be reviewed by the grant team.



Conclusion


As we conclude this manual, we want to express our gratitude for your commitment to the ICP-Nigeria DecaHack. Your involvement is instrumental in making this program a success. We encourage you to make the most of this unique opportunity, learn, collaborate, and innovate.

If you have any questions or require clarification on any aspect of the program, please don't hesitate to reach out to the program organizers. Contact information will be provided for your convenience.


We look forward to embarking on this transformative journey with you. The ICP-Nigeria DecaHack is not just a program; it's a community of innovators, and together we can shape the future of technology and entrepreneurship.

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