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HCL launches hackathon to identify technology solutions to beat pandemic

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Developers from across the globe are competing with guidance and support from leading technology andhealthcare companies, academic experts, and thought leaders

HCL Technologies, (HCL), a leading global technology company, has announced a multi-phase hackathon, " Better Health Hackathon: #CodeforCOVID19," to crowdsource technology innovation to find solutions for the immediate and long-term societal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including pandemic containment and prevention; diagnosis, treatment and therapeutic management; recovery and return to normal; and systemic solutions for future crises.

As part of the program, HCL has partnered with Microsoft and International SOS, the world's largest medical and travel security services firm, who are providing business and technical oversight to the contest and feedback to team entries.

In addition, the Better Health Hackathon is bringing together a wide-ranging and prestigious group of executives and companies, across multiple industries, to serve as judges and advisory panel members.

This includes scholars from Johns Hopkins University, University of Cambridge, Tuck School of Business, The University of Queensland, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and subject matter experts from HCL.

The competition is open to technology innovators, entrepreneurs and problem solvers from the global developer community. To date the Better Health Hackathon has received more than 7500 registrations from 600+ unique organizations and academic institutions spanning 350 locations across 52 countries.

To engage top talent in the coding community, the Hackathon is partnering with BeMyApp to leverage their expansive network of coders and tech enthusiasts. The Hackathon is open to eligible participants who are at least 18 years of age.

Specifically, the HCL Better Health Hackathon: #CodeforCOVID19 will address the following areas:

- Prevention and containment: #StayAtHome
- Diagnosis, treatment & therapeutic management
- Recovery and return to normal
- Systemic solutions for crises and pandemic management