


# ACM 2025-2026 Student Chapter Excellence Awards Application

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Award Category: Outstanding Chapter Activities

Chapter Name (Please submit only one application per chapter. If multiple applications are received, all but one will be removed at random.)

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University of Texas at Dallas ACM Student Chapter (46699) 

City: \*

Richardson

State/Province:

Texas

Country: \*

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United States of America 

Outstanding Chapter Activities: Chapter Contact Information

Please provide all required information

URL for your Chapter homepage (for example, <https://www.acm.org>): \*

Please ensure your chapter logo abides by ACM's Chapter Logo Policy (<https://www.acm.org/chapters/chapter-policies>).

<https://www.acmutd.co/>

Social Media Page:

<https://www.instagram.com/acmutd/>

Who is submitting this application? (Must be an officer listed on the Chapter Admin Interface or \* the submission will be disqualified)

Enter Submitter's name

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### Outstanding Chapter Activities: Chapter Achievements

Provide brief descriptions as requested, and stay within the character limit for each

Please provide a brief description of your chapter and school (1500 character maximum) \*

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), recognized as an emerging research university, hosts over 22,000 undergraduates, with a significant number pursuing studies in computing-related fields. The ACM Student Chapter at UTD stands as the premier CS organization not just within the university but also across the region. This year, we are proud to have a team of 180+ officers and have engaged over 1000+ members across hundreds of events and meetings, reflecting our dedication to creating a more collaborative computing community.

Our chapter's mission is to unite and serve as a voice for the student body to the CS Department while offering resources, opportunities, and advocacy for students regardless of their experience level.

Organized into eight divisions, our chapter delivers a range of activities and services. Industry connects students with the industry through sponsorships and events. HackUTD leads North America's Largest 24-Hour Hackathon. Projects provides a platform for software development experience. Education connects students with mentors and prepares students for technical interviews. Development creates software solutions for the student community. Research encourages academic inquiry and preparation for presenting at symposiums. Media creates engaging content and promotes our events and achievements. Community extends our impact through the local, on-campus, and ACM UTD officer community.

## Outstanding Chapter Activities Essay Guidelines (4000 character maximum) \*

Tell us about your chapter's most successful activity/activities – you may list a maximum of 4. Please ensure to enumerate each one and place in order from oldest to newest. Be sure to describe each activity, including: the date (add end date if it was multiple days), the type of event, how many people participated, how it was funded, and what made it a success. If you have web pages for these activities, include the URLs. Please be sure to use your chapter's official name - do not refer to your chapter as 'ACM,' 'ACM-W' or 'WICS.' Please note, links to essays will not be accepted and will disqualify your chapter.

### 1. HackUTD 2025: Lost in the Pages

Date: November 8th-9th, 2025

HackUTD is the largest 24-hour hackathon in North America with 1200+ hackers and 3000+ applications from 30 different universities, across the US and Canada. HackUTD 2025 occurred this past November and was entirely funded by sponsorships from reputable companies like Nvidia, Goldman Sachs, T-Mobile, Toyota, Capital One, State Farm, PNC Bank, ScaleAI, CBRE, EOG Resources, Cognizant, and Northmark Compute & Cloud. Our team was able to raise over \$150,000 for the hackathon, all of which was used for the unforgettable event. HackUTD is beginner friendly and provides many workshops throughout the weekend and a 24/7 mentor support system. Each year the hackathon has a new theme and with it, new lore, short films, easter eggs, and free custom merchandise. This year we spent over \$50,000 in custom sweatshirts, t-shirts, decorative plates, neck pillows, keychains, stickers, and other swag that can be seen worn all over our campus.

This is the 12th year that we have run HackUTD, and we grow larger every year. This year we had 367 project submissions to 20+ different challenges. Each challenge had multiple prizes with a total prize pool value of above \$50,000. Projects were judged by 80 industry mentors, professors, and ACM alumni using our open-source hackathon judging platform Jury, which is used by several other hackathons around the US. HackUTD's success is attributed to the year-long work of the 44 ACM officers that make up the HackUTD Organizing Team, as well as the many other ACM volunteers and mentors that helped throughout the weekend.

HackUTD Homepage: [hackutd.co](http://hackutd.co)

2025 Event Website: [legend.hackutd.co](http://legend.hackutd.co)

Devpost: [hackutd-2025.devpost.com](http://hackutd-2025.devpost.com)

2025 Promotional Video: [youtu.be/SaDiaoaHxEc](https://youtu.be/SaDiaoaHxEc)

2025 Recap: [youtu.be/RhQ9FkT2FS0](https://youtu.be/RhQ9FkT2FS0)

### 2. NTHS Hackathon

Date: March 28th, 2026

The North Texas High School (NTHS) Hackathon is one of our largest events that we organize every year. We invite over 7+ schools and have 100+ students come to UTD to come together to experience twelve hours of pure creative thinking. Sponsored by the Mark Cuban Foundation and InfoSys, these students work in teams to come up with projects that are meant to solve issues in our daily lives. As the organizers, our Outreach team pours hours of planning and execution into making this a day of fun learning experiences for these students.

### 3. Peechi Games

Date: April 4th, 2025

Originally inspired by the online fandom for Squid Games, Peechi Games turned into one of the most iconic

events that we have ever hosted. With 4 hours, 6 games, and a goal to make it to the end, 120+ people came to volunteer and participate in the event. The planning of Peechi Games was done by our events and media team, who took the Squid Games theme and ran off with it, bringing the intensity and excitement to life. We wanted to create an event where students felt encouraged to get to know one another and come together for a fun immersive event. By the end of the day, we knew that it was a success, not because of the number of people who came or the energy of the crowd but because of something that our club aims to do every day.

Peechi Games Website: <https://www.acmgames.com>

#### 4. Axxess Hackathon

Date: February 21st-22nd, 2026

The 2025 Axxess Hackathon had 150 hackers from universities all over Texas and was sponsored by Axxess, a healthcare company, for \$25,000. This healthcare hackathon had 41 project submissions and was judged by 40 judges. We even convinced Mayor Amir Omar of our university's city (Richardson), to talk to some of the teams and give a speech at our closing ceremony. He spent 2 hours on the first day of the hackathon going around talking to teams while they brainstormed, taking photos with them, and giving them his business cards. The hackers were able to make an amazing connection and story to bring home at this ACM event.

Devpost: [axxess-hackathon-2026.devpost.com](https://axxess-hackathon-2026.devpost.com)

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