

PRIVACY POLICY

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HerHacks is committed to respecting the privacy of everyone who participates in or interacts with our event. This Privacy Policy explains what personal information we collect, why we collect it, how we use and protect it, and the choices available to you.

HerHacks is a student-led hackathon designed to provide a welcoming environment for students to learn, collaborate, and explore technology. We only collect information that is reasonably necessary to organize and operate the event and to communicate with participants.

INFORMATION WE COLLECT

When you apply for or participate in HerHacks, we collect information you provide to us through our application or registration forms. This may include contact information, school and education information, event-related information, dietary or accessibility needs, emergency contact information, and optional information related to your interests, profiles, or projects. We may also collect information that you provide when communicating with the HerHacks organizing team by email or through other official communication channels. When you visit the HerHacks website, certain technical information may be automatically collected by our hosting provider. This information is used to ensure the website functions properly, securely, and efficiently.

HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION

We use the information we collect to operate and organize HerHacks and to provide participants with the information they need to participate in the event. This may include reviewing applications, communicating application decisions, sending event updates and important announcements, organizing registration and event logistics, responding to questions, and accommodating dietary, accessibility, or emergency needs where necessary.

We may also use participant information for limited post-event purposes, such as communicating about the outcome of the event, collecting feedback, documenting our impact, or improving future HerHacks events. We may occasionally send information about future HerHacks events or related opportunities. We will not use your information for unrelated promotional purposes without appropriate permission.

HOW YOUR INFORMATION IS STORED

Application and registration information is stored using services used by HerHacks to organize the event. Access to participant information is limited to HerHacks organizers who need the information to carry out their responsibilities.

We do not sell participant personal information.

We also do not provide participant names, email addresses, or other personal information to sponsors for their own marketing purposes. If information ever needs to be shared with a sponsor for a specific event-related purpose, we will take appropriate steps to ensure that the information is handled responsibly.

SHARING YOUR INFORMATION

HerHacks may use third-party services to help us operate the event, such as services for forms, spreadsheets, website hosting, communication, or other event-related functions. These services may process information on our behalf as part of providing their services.

We may also disclose information when necessary to comply with a legal obligation, respond to a lawful request, protect the safety of participants or others, or address a serious security or safety concern.

If a participant receives a prize or award that requires information to be provided to a sponsor or other third party for fulfillment, we will only provide the information reasonably necessary for that purpose.

PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA

HerHacks may take photographs and videos during the event for purposes such as documenting the event, sharing the HerHacks experience, promoting future events, and communicating our impact.

We will request media consent from participants through the registration process or another appropriate method. Participants who do not consent to media use will be given the opportunity to indicate this.

Participants may also ask the HerHacks organizing team about photographs or recordings in which they appear. We will make reasonable efforts to address these requests.

PROTECTING YOUR INFORMATION

We take reasonable steps to protect personal information from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, alteration, or loss. Access to participant information is limited to members of the HerHacks organizing team who need it for event-related responsibilities. However, no method of storing or transmitting information online can be guaranteed to be completely secure. We cannot guarantee the absolute security of information transmitted to or stored by third-party services.

HOW LONG WE KEEP YOUR INFORMATION

We retain personal information for as long as reasonably necessary to administer HerHacks, communicate with participants, complete post-event activities, and meet applicable administrative or legal requirements. When information is no longer needed for these purposes, we will take reasonable steps to delete or securely dispose of it.

YOUR PRIVACY CHOICES

You may contact HerHacks to ask what personal information we hold about you, request that inaccurate information be corrected, or ask questions about how your information is being used.

Where appropriate, you may also request that your personal information be deleted. Some information may need to be retained when necessary for legitimate administrative, legal, or safety purposes.

If you have concerns about how your information is being handled, we encourage you to contact us so that we can address your concern.

THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES AND SERVICES

The HerHacks website, application forms, and other event resources may contain links to websites or services operated by third parties. These services have their own privacy practices and policies, which may differ from those of HerHacks.

HerHacks is not responsible for the privacy practices of third-party websites or services that you choose to access.

UPDATES TO THIS PRIVACY POLICY

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time to reflect changes to HerHacks, our event operations, or the services we use.

When we make significant changes, we will update the “Last Updated” date and provide notice where appropriate. We encourage participants to review this policy periodically for the most current information.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding this Privacy Policy or the way HerHacks handles personal information, please contact the HerHacks organizing team at **herhacksorg@gmail.com**.