

Welcome to DataFest @UCLADataFest

- All work stops at 2pm on Sunday!
- FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: @UCLADATAFEST. Any updates, announcements, or surprises will be posted on twitter. You may also post questions or comments to twitter. Note that we will NOT answer on twitter---to get help, you must be physically present.
- You must sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement to participate. Basically, you must agree that you will use these data ONLY for DataFest this weekend, and will not take any copies home with you or share them with others. You MAY, however, share your results and presentation with others.
- You must return the DataFest USB after downloading the data.
- Please wear your name tag at all times so that we know who belongs and who doesn't.
- Please let one of our consultants know if you see anything or anyone suspicious. Do not leave backpacks or valuables unguarded.
- We have arranged for consultants to stay for the entire 48 hours. If, however, no teams remain, the consultants will lock the doors and go home. There is a door schedule posted near the entrance that gives the time that the doors will be re-opened the next morning.
- We have quite a few "VIP" consultants visiting. These are "data professionals" from around the country, and also academics and researchers. They are here to help, and so ask them if you get stuck on anything or are puzzled by anything. Their goal is to talk to you, to see what you're thinking about, and to see if they can help.
- This is a friendly competition. Feel free to ask for help, but don't be surprised if no one knows the answer! We'll do our best, and if at any time we learn the answer, we'll share it with you. In exchange, if you solve a problem that another team might be having, please share it with them.
- There are students from five colleges and universities here. Mingle! You may be co-workers someday or classmates at graduate school.
- At the registration table we will have information about campus security, emergency phone numbers, and, most important, the meal times.

Information for Students Sample

- While the judges are conferring on Sunday, we will take a group picture, so wear your t-shirt.
- PLEASE help keep IPAM clean. We are visitors here, and so treat the building with as you would a friend's home. A friend who will not clean up after you.
- From time to time, we will have small contests to give out some of the swag that has been donated. You must be present to win!!
- Most of all: have fun. Meet some new people, allow yourself to get into some irrelevant conversations, don't stress out, learn something new, and have a good time.

JUDGING

And now, the important stuff:

- We **MUST** have received your presentation no later than 2:05pm on Sunday in order for it to be considered for a prize.
- **Your file with your slides must have the same name as your team.**
- Teams must have at least 2 and no more than 5 students. ALL students must be undergraduates.
- All presentations **must be in pdf format**. They can contain AT MOST two "slides" (or pages that will fit on one screen when projected) plus a "title" slide. The title slide can contain ONLY the title of your project, the team name, the names of the team members. Any graphics or illustrations will NOT be considered when judging and may result in a disqualification.
- You should email your presentation to: datafest@stat.ucla.edu
- Judging: When it comes time for the judging, the teams will be randomly divided into two groups. Each group will be judged by a different set of judges in different rooms. The judges will choose award nominees but will not announce them yet. There will be one for Best Insight, one for Best Visualization, and one for Best Use of External Data. After this is done, we will reconvene and the winners from each group will be announced. These teams will make their presentation a second time, before all of the judges. For each prize category, the judges will then select one team for the prize and one for Honorable Mention.
- Your presentation must be **NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES LONG**. After 5 minutes, you will be interrupted and the next team will begin. You do not need to have all team members participate in the presentation.