

Hack for California



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Tuesdays
6PM-8PM

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DataLab: Conference Room

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#Hack4CA

In Fall 2019, the DataLab will host a weekly Civic Hack Night! Participation is open to graduates, undergraduates, faculty, post-docs, and staff at UC Davis seeking to engage in research and advocacy around civic issues facing California and learn about open government data resources. Throughout the quarter, we will research pressing issues facing CA, assess the availability of public data for contextualizing them, and design tools to translate the stakes of the issues using techniques in human-centered design. In the process, we will evaluate, discuss, and document public knowledge gaps, consider their consequences for CA communities, and publish blog posts and op-eds based on the findings. The success of this program is dependent on convening a diverse array of skills, including: legislative research, project management, interviewing, writing, user interface design, data analysis and visualization, and coding. Snacks will be provided. We hope you will join us!

8 Reasons to Join Us!



Meet and collaborate with other civically-minded Aggies



Learn about open government data program and resources



Build tools that empower communities to hold governments more accountable



Critique data gaps and the socio-political forces that shape them



Advocate for responsible open data policies through blog posts and op-eds



Hear from local civic technologists and government open data representatives



Gain exposure to digital collaboration and project management tools



Build portfolio material for future careers

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