## Chicago's 1871 Invites Students to Tech Challenge 2022, Intern and Job Fair Innovation hub events open to students at ACI-affiliated institutions

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Students who have graduated from or are attending ACI-member colleges and universities are invited to join two events offered by <u>1871</u>, the innovation hub in Chicago's Merchandise Mart. The events offer opportunities to meet with the tech community, make valuable career connections with hiring managers and to

win cash prizes, according to the organization's website.

"At 1871, we're excited to create ways for current students and recent graduates to connect with our expansive member community, which includes everyone from early stage and growth stage startups to Fortune 500 companies," said Betsy Ziegler, CEO of 1871. "Our annual programs, Tech Challenge and the Intern and Job Fair, are incredible opportunities for job seekers and emerging talent to make new and valuable connections, practice their skills and break into the tech industry."

<u>Tech Challenge 2022</u> offers two sections, one virtual and the other, in person. The virtual section, Sept. 1 to Sept. 23, is a multi-day event in which participants can join a coding challenge. Students interested in coding and connecting with experts should join the challenge. Cash prizes for outstanding work will be awarded, along with expense-paid trips to 1871 and opportunities to meet tech hiring managers. <u>Registration is online</u> for Tech Challenge 2022.

Tech Challenge 2022's in-person event is Oct. 21 and Oct. 22, at 1871 in Chicago. Participants can sharpen coding skills and make connections with tech leaders. Top coders from the coding challenge will be invited to Chicago, with accommodations and airfare provided. Participants will have a chance to earn cash prizes, engage in networking opportunities and more.

A hybrid <u>Intern and Job Fair</u> is Thursday, Sept. 8. Participants can learn about career opportunities in tech by networking with hiring managers from 1871 members, from early stage startups as well as growth stage and Fortune 500 companies. A morning session will be held at 1871 VX, the organization's virtual reality campus. An afternoon session is in-person at 1871. <u>Registration is online</u> for the Intern and Job Fair.