Proposal to Grow the Blockchain Ecosystem
In-person Blockchain Hackathon, accompanied by
workshops and educational material.

Background
In 2018, the world has turned its focus to Blockchain as a fast growing source of innovation and disruption. Projects have grown by orders of magnitude in market capitalization, and businesses are racing to integrate Blockchain into their business model. We are leveraging this attention and taking the initiative by gathering Blockchain enthusiasts to innovate and implement new applications of Blockchain technology.

Audience
Potential sponsors, workshop leaders, and partners want to spark innovation, seek greater use of their Blockchain tools/platforms, and promote Blockchain as an innovative solution, including attracting and developing talented Blockchain developers to foster a thriving blockchain ecosystem.

Potential attendants of the Hackathon and workshops are students, Millennials, and Gen-Z individuals (among others) seeking to build disruptive solutions, work with innovative companies, and gain valuable skills. We are aiming to accommodating over 100 engineers.

Introduction
We are organizing a weekend long hackathon that will challenge innovators to develop new solutions using Blockchain technology. Developers will apply existing tools to address pressing problems such as business, health, and social issues among others.

In the weeks leading up to this event, stakeholders will sponsor workshops on Blockchain technology to train new developers, and sponsors will educate developers on how to leverage their existing tools and platforms. This will encourage businesses to seek out new innovations, and help train new technical talent. This will also allow us to spark critical thinking in Hackathon attendants and sponsors about what open problems are best solved by Blockchain, and how we can validate solutions rapidly.

Current Partners/Sponsors
Delaware Blockchain Initiative, ACM (UD), Hacking Club, IEEE (UD), the Blockchain Education Network, Vertically Integrated Projects.

Sponsor Contributions
Companies interested in partnering with us for BlockHack are encouraged to offer and sponsor a custom prize, especially one for the best application built using their own platform or tools. Additional cash donations are also encouraged. Sponsors that seek to promote their own platform will also be expected to make available tutorials that we can share with attendants, and host a workshop at the event for training developers on their platform and tools.

Sponsor Perks
We will be sharing details on the sponsors' platforms, tools, and company opportunities with attendants through our email list and Slack channel. Sponsors will be able to send representatives to BlockHack to engage with attendants, and be directly connected with the winners of their prize. Sponsors will also have the opportunity to use any projects developed at BlockHack in their companies.

Details
Where: Trabant, University of Delaware
When: May 5th to May 6th of 2018
Size: Over 100 blockchain engineers

Contact
For details on sponsoring, and how to have your contributions made tax deductible, contact Trey Brunson, our Sponsor Coordinator, at tbrunson@udel.edu.