

Call for Applications

Blockchain TechCamp – Blockchain for a Better and more Secure Society

Although Blockchain started as a disruptive technology in the FinTech and Cryptocurrencies, the technology proved successful in a variety of applications and processes. It fundamentally challenged traditional modes of operation not only in financial systems, but also in fields such as energy markets, supply chain management and public administration. Only recently, Blockchain aficionados have claimed its relevance for democratic practices and national security.

In this interdisciplinary 2-day workcamp we invite students from disciplines such as IT, software engineering, politics, American studies as well as other disciplines within the range of the topic to discuss contemporary potentials for Blockchain in connection with social and political issues such as security policies, national economies, critical infrastructures etc.

During the camp, students from Bavarian universities will form groups of a maximum of 5 members, locate current challenges to social, political, and economic practices and sketch how Blockchain can be utilized as a solution. The goal is that a maximum of 6 groups will work on differing projects. Every student will receive a stipend covering travel expenses, lodging, as well as the tuition fee for the TechCamp upon admission.

Application Deadline: October 20, 2019

Event Date: November 22-23, 2019 in Munich

TechCamp Award

The student group with the most promising Blockchain project will win a roundtrip-flight to Silicon Valley including a small daily allowance and a potential personal meeting with high-ranking officials from Silicon Valley companies.

Admission Procedures and Requirements

We strongly encourage female students to enroll in the TechCamp.

Applications should include

- a brief **letter of motivation** where you indicate why you want to participate (**2-page max**). Questions that should be treated in your letter of motivation are e.g.
 - What is your interest in the topic of the TechCamp?
 - Why do you think the topic relevant?
 - Which social, political, or economical question do you believe are compatible with Blockchain solutions?
 - What is your knowledge level in connection with digital technologies and digitization in general?
 - What are your thoughts on the Blockchain technology or digitization in general in relation to current and future societal challenges?
- a **CV** including your field of study and university program (Bachelor, Master, Ph. D., or comparable degree)

Please note that participation is only open to students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs at Bavarian universities.

► **More information:** <https://tinyurl.com/blockchaincamp>