

GAMECHANGERS

GameChangers is a game design competition for diverse teams to collaborate, network, mentor and be mentored in a series of team events followed by a showcase event with industry leaders

Open House
Feb 4

Game Design Jam
Feb 18

Skills & Networking Meetup for Teams
Three, dates t.b.d.

Showcase Event & Prizes
April 14

mesh conference Presentation
May 24

GameChangers started with the desire to increase diversity in software development and gaming. Although 58% of Canadian university students in 2010 were women, the number of women receiving bachelor's degrees in computer science was under 14%. The number of women working in software development is 9%. With more diversity, we can make our community an even greater place to work.

Networking and mentorship are keys to making a strong and diverse workforce. To kick-start these relationships, GameChangers goes beyond seminars and forums with a collaborative team experience that gives people a hands-on opportunity to create something together and showcase it among peers.

More than ever, digital games are a part of our culture, a form of expression, a platform for social innovation and a driver of growth in technology. We're excited to incorporate game design as a creative sandbox to bring people together, broaden the knowledge, strengthen the community and showcase how diversity benefits all.

Who's on a GameChangers Team? To join a team people apply online and attend the open house. The online **application deadline is February 9**. The application and info session help us recruit a diverse group of participants:

- 50% men and 50% women
- A balance of seasoned professionals, students, and people emerging in the workforce

Participants choose their team after networking and collaborating at the GameChangers Game Design Jam on February 18.



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