



Terms and Conditions Brainhack Warsaw 2027

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§ 1 General information about the Event

1. Brainhack Warsaw 2027 takes place from March 19 to March 21, 2027 (hereinafter referred to as the **Event**). This will be the ninth edition of the Event.
2. The Event is a hackathon focused on developing computational and statistical models of the brain and behavior, as well as exploring diverse applications within computational neuroscience, medical informatics, machine learning and biomedical data science.
3. Detailed information about the Event and program can be found on the **Event Website**: <https://brainhackwarsaw.fuw.edu.pl/>.
4. The Event takes place in designated areas of the University of Warsaw, specifically at the Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw, Ludwika Pasteura 5, 02-093 Warsaw, Poland.
5. The official organizer of the Event (hereinafter referred to as the **Organizing Committee**) is the [Neuroinformatics Student Club](#) operating at the Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw, Ludwika Pasteura 5, 02-093 Warsaw, Poland.
6. The **Event Attendees** include Team Leaders, Participants, and Project Assistants. Team Leaders may participate independently or represent **Strategic Knowledge Partners**, i.e. research institutions or companies that have entered into an agreement with the Organizing Committee.
7. The **Commercial Sponsors** are companies providing financial support for the Event. They may present their work and seek potential talent among Event Attendees.
8. The **Didactic Partners** are individuals or organizations conducting practical coding workshops during the Event.
9. The **Scientific Committee** is a body of academic experts appointed by the Organizing Committee, primarily professors of the University of Warsaw.

§ 2 Registration of Event Attendees

2.1 Registration of Participants

1. A **Participant** is an individual registered to participate in the Event as a member of a project team, excluding Team Leaders, and who is expected to contribute to the development of the project throughout the Event. A Participant may be affiliated with an academic institution, represent a company, or participate independently. Participants may range from Bachelor's students to Master's and PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and experienced professionals, including senior engineers. The level of experience or expertise expected may vary between projects.
2. An individual wishing to become a Participant must register for the Event through the Event Website. Registration does not constitute acceptance to participate in the Event.
3. During registration, applicants select three different projects they would like to join. If an applicant selects fewer than three different projects, the Organizing Committee will ask them to resubmit the registration form with three project selections.
4. Applications are reviewed by the Organizing Committee. Each applicant will be informed by official e-mail whether their application has been accepted or rejected. The conditions under which an accepted applicant acquires the right to participate in the Event are specified in sec. 7.
5. The Organizing Committee assigns each accepted Participant to one of their selected projects based on the skills and experience provided in the registration form and the needs of the respective projects. The Organizing Committee will make every effort to assign Participants to their first-choice project, but this may not always be possible due to logistical constraints.
6. Participation in the Event requires payment of a participation fee. The amount of the fee and payment details will be specified on the Event Website when Participant registration opens. The applicable payment and invoicing procedures are set out in §7.
7. The right to participate in the Event is acquired upon receiving confirmation of acceptance and paying the participation fee.

2.2 Registration of Team Leaders

1. A **Team Leader** is an individual whose project proposal has been accepted in accordance with sec. 4 and who is responsible for leading the team of Participants throughout the Event. The Team Leader may be an independent researcher, a student (preferably a PhD candidate), or a representative of a research institution or company. The Team Leader should have the knowledge and skills needed to lead the project and guide the Participants during the Event.
2. A research institution or company is considered a Strategic Knowledge Partner only if it has entered into an agreement with the Organizing Committee and is represented at the Event by a designated Team Leader. A Team Leader's affiliation with or employment by an institution or company does not make it a Strategic Knowledge Partner.
3. To become a Team Leader, an applicant must register for the Event and submit a project proposal through the Event Website. Registration and submission of a project proposal do not constitute acceptance as a Team Leader.
4. Project proposals are subject to an initial screening by the Organizing Committee before being submitted to the Scientific Committee for evaluation. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject a proposal at this stage if it is discriminatory towards certain groups, potentially dangerous, insufficiently aligned with the aims or format of the Event, or otherwise unsuitable for consideration.
5. Prior to making a decision at the initial screening stage, the Organizing Committee may contact the applicant by e-mail or invite them to a virtual meeting to discuss the proposal, request further clarification, or ensure that it presents a clear and sufficiently detailed plan and structure for the project.
6. Project proposals that pass the initial screening are evaluated by the Scientific Committee from a scientific and educational perspective.
7. The applicant will be informed by official e-mail whether their project proposal has been accepted or rejected. An applicant whose proposal has been accepted by the Scientific Committee and published on the Event Website becomes a Team Leader.
8. Upon acceptance as a Team Leader, the Team Leader is required to provide either a photograph of themselves or a photograph directly related to their project, for publication on the Event Website and for promotional purposes.

2.3 Registration deadlines and general provisions

1. Registration requires providing the applicant's name, surname, country of residence, e-mail address, academic or professional title, affiliation, and the information necessary for registration, including a project proposal for Team Leader candidates or project assignment preferences for Participant candidates. Team Leader candidates must also indicate whether they are participating independently or as representatives of a Strategic Knowledge Partner.
2. Registration is carried out using the registration form available on the Event Website in the designated [Registration](#) tab.
3. Applicants may attach a CV during registration. The CV may be used by the Organizing Committee to facilitate project assignment and, with the applicant's consent, shared with Commercial Sponsors and Strategic Knowledge Partners for potential professional opportunities.
4. By registering for the Event, the applicant confirms that they accept these Terms & Conditions and have provided the required information.
5. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for any incorrect or false information provided by the applicant during registration for the Event. Minor mistakes or missing information can be corrected and will not, by themselves, affect the application. Intentionally providing false information may result in rejection of the application, cancellation of participation, or exclusion from future editions of the Event.
6. Registration for Team Leaders is open from **08.11.2026** to **08.12.2026**. Applicants will be informed by official e-mail of the decision on their project proposal before **10.01.2027**. The list of accepted projects will be published on the Event Website on **14.01.2027**.
7. Registration for Participants is open from **15.01.2027** to **15.02.2027**. Applicants will be informed by official e-mail of their acceptance and project assignment by **28.02.2027**.
8. The Organizing Committee may extend any deadline specified in this section by up to one week. Any extension will be announced on the Event Website.

§ 3 Project organization and support

1. Project teams have a preset size of 4 to 8 Participants. Team Leaders may indicate their preferred team size when submitting their project proposal. The Organizing Committee will take this preference into account when assigning Participants to projects.
2. Each project is normally led by one Team Leader. If a project requires two Team Leaders, the Organizing Committee may approve this on an individual basis. In such cases, the first Team Leader submits the proposal and may register the second Team Leader if approved by the Organizing Committee. Both Team Leaders should provide essential and complementary expertise to the project.
3. A Team Leader may bring a **Project Assistant** to support them in organizing and coordinating the project during the Event. Project Assistant has to be registered via the Team Leader's registration form, which will be enabled by the Organizing Committee upon request. Project Assistants participate free of charge and are not appointed by the Organizing Committee.
4. The Organizing Committee will provide a Slack channel for communication, cooperation, mutual support, and networking among Event Attendees. Members of the Scientific Committee and other professionals may also participate in the channel and provide guidance or assistance to project teams.

§ 4 Travel and accommodation

4.1 Rules for Team Leaders and Project Assistants

1. The Organizing Committee may provide financial support for travel and accommodation to Team Leaders and Project Assistants travelling from outside Warsaw, subject to the available budget. Priority will be given to those travelling from longer distances and who are not sponsored by their institution or another organization. The Organizing Committee may consider other relevant circumstances when deciding whether to provide support and the amount of support available.
2. Support may be provided in the form of prepaid train or flight tickets and, where necessary, accommodation near the University of Warsaw.
3. The Organizing Committee will inform Team Leaders and Project Assistants individually whether their travel and accommodation expenses can be covered and, if so, the applicable arrangements.
4. If the first Team Leader withdraws from participation, the second Team Leader and Project Assistant, if any, are also considered withdrawn. If the Organizing Committee has agreed to cover travel or accommodation expenses that cannot be refunded or recovered, the respective Event Attendees may be required to reimburse the Organizing Committee for the costs incurred.

4.2 Rules for Participants

1. Participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and other costs related to participation in the Event. The Organizing Committee does not cover or reimburse such costs.
2. The Organizing Committee may provide general directions and recommendations regarding travel and accommodation, but does not make or cover any special arrangements or costs on behalf of Participants.

§ 5 Withdrawal from participation

5.1 Withdrawal of Team Leaders

1. A Team Leader may withdraw their project before the official announcement of accepted projects. Any request to withdraw a project after its announcement will be considered individually by the Organizing Committee and may require finding a replacement project or Team Leader to take over the project.

2. If a Team Leader withdraws after the announcement, the second Team Leader, if any, may take over the project. If no suitable replacement Team Leader is available, or if the second Team Leader is not able to lead the project independently, all Participants assigned to the project will be transferred to their next preferred project selected during registration. If no suitable alternative project is available, the case will be considered individually by the Organizing Committee. Any Project Assistant assigned to the project will also be considered withdrawn.

3. If a Team Leader withdraws from participation during the Event, the Organizing Committee may appoint another person to take over their role. Any second Team Leader or Project Assistant assigned to the project will remain involved unless they also withdraw. If taking over the project is not possible, the Organizing Committee may take other measures to ensure the best possible use of the project's work, including redistributing Participants among other ongoing project teams.

5.2 Withdrawal of Participants

1. A Participant may withdraw from the Event before paying the participation fee. After the participation fee has been paid, refunds will generally not be provided, except in exceptional circumstances. Each request for a refund will be considered individually by the Organizing Committee.

§ 6 Participation in the Event

1. Participation in the Event is exclusively in person. Remote participation is not permitted.
2. Event Attendees must complete the check-in procedure before entering the Event. Each Event Attendee will receive an identification badge and is required to wear it throughout the Event.
3. Event Attendees are obliged to comply with the Code of Conduct (<https://brainhack.org/code-of-conduct>), follow the rules and program of the Event, and not disrupt its course.
4. The Organizing Committee may take photographs and make recordings during the Event for documentation, informational, promotional and archival purposes. Such materials may be published on the Event Website, University of Warsaw websites and social media profiles, as well as on the social media profiles of Event sponsors, partners and patrons, and used at promotional events of the University of Warsaw.
5. By participating in the Event, Event Attendees consent to the recording and use of their image for documentation, informational, promotional and archival purposes. The Organizing Committee may reproduce, publish, disseminate and archive photographs and recordings containing their image, including through the channels specified in sec. 4. Event Attendees may request that photographs or recordings containing their image not be published or used.
6. Event Attendees may only participate in the Event in designated rooms and areas, in accordance with the Event programme and schedule. Access to areas outside the designated Event area is not permitted.

§ 7 Payment of the participation fee

1. The participation fee must be paid within 7 days of receiving confirmation of acceptance to the Event.
2. The amount of the fee may differ depending on whether the Participant is sponsored by an institution or organisation or participates independently. Detailed information on the applicable fee, available payment methods and payment procedure will be published on the Event Website and provided by e-mail.
3. Different payment and invoicing procedures may apply depending on the Participant's affiliation and the entity responsible for covering the participation fee. In particular:
 - Students of the Faculty of Physics at the University of Warsaw must contact the Organizing Committee by e-mail before making the payment to receive instructions regarding the applicable payment procedure.
 - If a Participant pays the participation fee themselves and intends to obtain reimbursement from their university, research institution or other organisation, they should request an appropriate payment document for this purpose.
 - If a pro forma invoice is required, the Participant should submit a request to brainhackwarsaw@uw.edu.pl
 - If the participation fee is covered by the University of Warsaw, the payment must be processed through an internal note. Further information will be provided by e-mail and published on the Event Website.
4. Participants must send a confirmation of payment, preferably the bank transfer confirmation, to brainhackwarsaw@uw.edu.pl within 7 days of making the payment.

§ 8 Changes to the Terms and Conditions

1. The Terms and Conditions are available on the Event Website.
2. The Organizing Committee may amend the Terms and Conditions when necessary due to changes in applicable law, the organisation or programme of the Event, registration dates, the participation fee, budget, or safety measures.
3. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the date of the Event if holding the Event on the scheduled dates becomes impossible or excessively difficult due to circumstances beyond its control, including restrictions, orders or other measures imposed by public authorities. Any change to the Event date will be announced on the Event Website as soon as possible.
4. Amendments to the Terms and Conditions shall enter into force upon their publication on the Event Website. The version number and date of the latest update shall be indicated on the first page. Changes made to the previous version shall be marked in the updated document, either by color or strikethrough.

§ 9 Safety Rules

1. Event Attendees are obliged to follow the health, safety and fire safety rules applicable at the Event venue and the instructions of staff responsible for safety and order.
2. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for items lost or left unattended during the Event, including clothing, backpacks or other belongings left in the cloakroom or other public areas of the Event venue or the University of Warsaw.
3. The Organizing Committee will provide designated areas in the project rooms for Event Attendees to leave technical equipment during the Event. The project rooms will be locked overnight and opened by the Organizing Committee on the following day. Event Attendees are responsible for their own belongings and equipment.
4. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for bicycles, cars or other vehicles left on the premises of the University of Warsaw.
5. Event Attendees may not bring or possess on the premises of the Event or the University of Warsaw:
 - A. weapons, ammunition or dangerous items, such as knives;
 - B. explosive, flammable or toxic materials;
 - C. long umbrellas;
 - D. animals, except guide dogs accompanying persons with disabilities.
6. Event Attendees may not use the Event or its premises for political or other activities promoting a particular worldview. Commercial, promotional and advertising activities are not permitted on the premises of the Event, except for activities carried out by Event sponsors and partners in accordance with arrangements agreed with the Organizing Committee or with the consent of the University of Warsaw.
7. Anyone who is drunk, under the influence of intoxicating substances, behaves in a way that may threaten the safety of other Event Attendees or disturb the order of the Event, or violates generally accepted standards of conduct may be refused entry to the Event. The Organizing Committee may require such individuals to leave the Event area.
8. If an Event Attendee violates the safety or order of the Event, the Organizing Committee may:
 - A. ask the Event Attendee to provide identification;
 - B. ask the Event Attendee to stop the behaviour and comply with the rules of the Event;
 - C. require the Event Attendee to leave the Event area;
 - D. contact the appropriate authorities or emergency services if necessary.
9. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for consequences resulting from Event Attendees' failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions, recommendations of the University of Warsaw, or instructions issued by staff responsible for safety and order.

10. Event Attendees are fully liable for any damage to property or injury caused to staff or associates of the University of Warsaw or the Organizing Committee as a result of their actions. Event Attendees are also liable for damage caused to other Event Attendees to the same extent.

11. Smoking is prohibited outside designated areas. Drinking alcohol and taking intoxicating substances are prohibited on the premises of the University of Warsaw.

12. If an Event Attendee notices a threat to the life or health of another Event Attendee, they must immediately inform the Organizing Committee.

§ 10 Processing of personal data

1. Information on the processing of personal data is provided in the separate **Information on the Processing of Personal Data** document.
2. By registering for the Event, Event Attendees acknowledge that they have been informed about the processing of their personal data in accordance with Article 13 of the GDPR.

§ 11 Collaboration with external parties

1. Cooperation between the Organizing Committee and external parties related to the Event shall be disclosed on the official Event Website, including cooperation with Commercial Sponsors, Didactic Partners, Honorary Patrons, Media Patrons, Strategic Knowledge Partners, and funding institutions.
2. Financial cooperation with external parties shall be documented by the Organizing Committee in accordance with applicable University of Warsaw rules.
3. Members of the Organizing Committee may not receive personal financial benefits from cooperation with external parties related to the Event.
4. Details of potential cooperation with external parties shall be discussed through brainhackwarsaw@gmail.com e-mail adress.

§ 12 Final Provisions

1. University of Warsaw reserves the right to cancel the Event or change its venue, programme or formula. University of Warsaw will announce the cancellation or changes to the Event on the Event Website and notify Event Attendees by e-mail. The Organizing Committee will refund the participation fee to Participants who have already paid it.
2. Matters not covered by these Terms and Conditions shall be governed by Polish law. Any disputes shall be resolved by Polish courts.