Loyola University Chicago

3rd Annual Supply Chain Data Analytics Competition

The Quinlan School of Business at Loyola University Chicago is proud to announce this year’s Supply Chain Data Analytics Competition, which will take place this Spring, 2021. This competition will give students the opportunity to work with and analyze **large-scale data sets** from **Feeding America** to help them in their charge of **ending hunger**. Student teams will be assessed based on their analysis of these data sets as well as their ability to present insights derived from that analysis to a panel of industry experts. Participation is open to teams of **at most four students**. Student teams from any university are eligible to participate and both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome. We anticipate awarding **$5,000 in prize money** to the top-performing teams.

The competition will proceed as follows (all times **Central** time):

* **Thursday, February 25, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**: A **kickoff** event for the competition will be held over Zoom during which representatives from Feeding America will discuss their organization as well as give background on the data set and the problems they seek to see solved. Teams will be informed of how to access the data for this competition, as well as provided links to subsequent Zoom sessions for the competition at this event.

To attend this event, please register via this page with an email address associated with an institution of higher learning (e.g. one that ends in .edu): https://forms.gle/QSTBTCaSMxHKHKVt5

* **Thursday, March 11th, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 pm:** First of two check-in zoom sessions for teams to ask questions of representatives from Feeding America regarding the data sets and initial analysis ideas.
* **Thursday, March 18th, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 pm:** Second of two check-in zoom sessions for teams to ask questions of representatives from Feeding America regarding the data sets and initial analysis ideas.
* **March 25th, 2021 @ midnight:** Teams will submit a 15-minute presentation of their analysis, including a 3-5 page supplementary document which contains details regarding how their analysis was done. Submissions will be made via Dropbox, and evaluated by a panel of academic and industry members, including representatives from Feeding America.
* **April 8th, 2021:** The top three teams will be notified that they have been selected to present their analysis to a panel of industry experts
* **April 15th, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 pm:** A final event for the competition will be held wherein the top three teams will give their presentations to a panel consisting of supply chain professionals from Bayer Crop Science, BluJay Solutions, Redwood Logistics, and Feeding America. At the end of this event, the first, second, and third place teams will be announced, and **$5,000** in prize money will be awarded.

**Registration link for kickoff on Thursday, February 25, 2021:** <https://forms.gle/QSTBTCaSMxHKHKVt5>

Please register with a school-affiliated email address.

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