

World's Top Collegiate Programmers to Compete at Founder Group-Sponsored ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest in Beijing, China 140 Teams to Vie for “Battle of the Brains” World Title

Beijing, China – April 2, 2018: The next generation of elite computer software engineers will arrive in Beijing, China on April 15 to prepare to compete in the 42nd Annual World Finals of the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) sponsored by Founder Group and JetBrains and hosted by Peking University (PKU) and Children and Youth Science Center of CAST (CYSC).

The ICPC is affiliated with the ICPC Foundation to advance the art and science of competitive programming for the global society. The ICPC Executive Director is an officer of the ICPC Foundation (<http://icpc.foundation>).

With over 320,000 alumni worldwide, the competition is headquartered at Baylor University and known as the “Battle of the Brains,” the world’s oldest, largest, and most prestigious programming contest serves as a proving ground for the elite level of collegiate programmers, challenging them to solve a series of complex real-world problems in just five hours. Each of the 140 teams, huddled around their single computer, race against the clock in a grueling battle of logic, strategy, teamwork, and mental endurance.

“Now in its 42nd year, the ACM ICPC World Finals began as a competition among the universities in Texas and has transformed into a global phenomenon,” said Dr. Bill Poucher, ICPC Executive Director and Baylor University Professor. “We’re thrilled to open doors of opportunity in the performance art and science of computing for these talented young students from universities that span the globe.”

“With limited resources, a ticking clock, demanding problems, and outstanding peer competition, these students measure up to the highest demands of companies and startups who prosper by solving people’s problems. With Founder Group as global sponsor, JetBrains as global programming tool sponsor, and with global leader Peking University hosting and producing the World Finals, memories will last a lifetime. We are delighted to welcome this elite level of competitive talent to Beijing, especially to Peking University, where science came to life in China.”

Founder Group was established by Peking University in 1986. As its founder, Academician Wang Xuan laid the cornerstone for Founder's legendary development. With independent innovation as its DNA, Founder continuously advanced technology and service innovation, gradually evolving into a diversified business structure maximising industry synergy, with the core business segments of IT, healthcare, industry finance and an innovation center as its pillars. Founder Group will keep committing itself to the practice of the 'industry-university-research cooperation' development model, devoting itself to education and scientific research, serving the country through industrial development and continuing to be a respectable conglomerate.

“The year 2018 is a special year for Peking University because the University will be celebrating the 120th Anniversary of its founding. To mark this milestone, Peking University will launch a year-long series of programs and activities. The anniversary year also includes a full program of events that characterize the lively intellectual exchanges that flourish at Peking University, and the 2018 ACM-ICPC World Finals will be one of those spectacular events. We welcome all ICPC contestants, alumni and friends to PKU, to strive for ICPC World Finals medals, and to celebrate the 120th birthday of PKU with us.” Said Prof. Song Gao, ICPC 2018 World Finals Executive Director and Vice President of Peking University.

The 140 World Finalists emerged from local and regional ICPC competitions this past fall. Initially, selection took place from a field of more than 300,000 students in computing disciplines worldwide. A record number of students advanced to the regional level, as 49,935 contestants from 3,098 universities in 111 countries on six continents competed at more than 585 sites, all with the goal of earning one of the coveted invitations to Beijing. The contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. local time in Beijing on April 19. A live broadcast will air on ICPCLive.com.

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