

# UCF Team in “Battle of the Brains” World Finals

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Elite computer programmers from across the globe will travel to Harbin, China in February to compete in the oldest, most prestigious computer programming contest in the world.

Affectionately known as the “Battle of the Brains,” the 34th World Finals of the ACM International Collegiate Programming

Contest (ICPC) brings together the top 103 teams from universities around the world to build systems to solve problems modeled after real-world business challenges such as cracking complex password codes or re-architecting space plans. These problems are designed to challenge the students’ problem-solving skills and business acumen—key skills sought after by global employers in the new information technology (IT) workforce. The contest requires students to focus on open technology and advanced computing methods.

The teams prepare for months to cover a semester’s worth of knowledge while performing under a grueling five-hour deadline in hopes of claiming the “World’s Smartest Trophy.” The team that solves the most problems correctly in the least time will emerge as champions, earning scholarships, bragging rights, and prizes from IBM, which include great visibility with potential employers—even IBM itself.

UCF is one of 21 institutions from the United States. Other institutions include:

- Carnegie Mellon
- Cornell



- Stanford
- MIT
- Illinois
- Maryland
- Nebraska
- Rochester
- Columbia
- Duke
- Harvey Mudd
- Northwestern
- Texas
- Michigan
- Kentucky
- FIT
- Virginia
- Wisconsin
- North Texas
- Chicago

UCF wishes all participants good luck! To find out more about the contest, visit the [official ICPC contest Web site](#) <sup>[1]</sup>. If you'd like to learn more about all 103 teams, visit the [official ICPC teams Web site](#) <sup>[2]</sup>. For more in-depth information, visit the [Battle of the Brains event blog](#) <sup>[3]</sup>.

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[1] official ICPC contest Web site: <http://cm.baylor.edu/welcome.icpc>

[2] official ICPC teams Web site: <http://cm.baylor.edu/public/report/teamsWF.icpc>

[3] Battle of the Brains event blog: <http://battleofthebrains.podbean.com/>

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