

One Synchrony Hackathon

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Students

1. What is this program about?

The Hackathon & Internship Program 2026–2027 is designed to identify and nurture talented students with strong problem-solving, analytical, and innovation capabilities. Participants will progress through multiple evaluation stages, and top performers may be considered for internship opportunities.

2. Who can participate?

Students from the participating campuses who meet the eligibility criteria communicated by their institution are eligible to apply.

3. Which campuses are participating?

- GITAM
- BITS
- Mahindra University
- Jadavpur University
- NMIMS
- University of Hyderabad (HCU)

4. Is participation free?

Yes. There is no registration or participation fee.

5. How do I apply?

Eligible students can submit their registration along with their updated resume during the registration window.

6. When will registrations open?

1 August 2026

7. When is the last date to register?

7 August 2026

8. What happens after I register?

Submitted applications and resumes will be reviewed as part of the initial screening process.

9. Will every registered student take the assessment?

No. Only students shortlisted through the resume screening stage will be invited to take the online assessment.

10. How are students shortlisted for the assessment?

Applications will be evaluated based on factors such as academic performance, relevant projects, technical skills, achievements, certifications, leadership experiences, and overall profile strength.

11. What is the online assessment?

The online assessment is designed to evaluate problem-solving ability, analytical thinking, quantitative aptitude, logical reasoning, and technology fundamentals.

12. What is a hackathon?

A hackathon is a challenge-based competition where participants solve real-world business and technology problems by developing innovative solutions within a defined timeframe.

13. Do I need prior hackathon experience?

No. Prior hackathon experience is not required.

14. Can I participate as a team?

No. This is an **individual participation** program. All submissions and presentations must be completed individually.

15. How many rounds are there in the selection process?

There are four stages:

1. Registration & Resume Screening
2. Online Assessment
3. Problem Statement & Solution Development
4. Pitch-Out Round

16. How will participants be selected for the solution development round?

Students will be shortlisted based on their performance in the online assessment.

17. What happens in the solution development round?

Shortlisted participants will receive a problem statement and will be required to independently develop and submit a solution within the specified timeline.

18. What kind of problem statements will be provided?

Problem statements may focus on areas such as technology, analytics, artificial intelligence, business problem-solving, digital transformation, customer experience, automation, or innovation.

19. What will judges look for in my solution?

Solutions will typically be evaluated on:

- Innovation and creativity
- Problem understanding
- Technical feasibility
- Analytical approach
- Business impact
- Clarity of presentation

20. How many participants move to the Pitch-Out Round?

The **top 50 participants from each campus** will qualify for the Pitch-Out Round.

21. What is the Pitch-Out Round?

The Pitch-Out Round is the final evaluation stage where participants present their solutions to a panel of judges.

22. How will the Pitch-Out Round be conducted?

The Pitch-Out Round will be conducted over **two days**:

- Day 1: 25 participants present their solutions.
- Day 2: Remaining 25 participants present their solutions.

23. What should I present during the Pitch-Out?

Participants should be prepared to explain:

- The problem statement

- Their analysis and approach
- Proposed solution
- Technology and methodologies used
- Expected outcomes and impact
- Recommendations for implementation

24. Will there be a question-and-answer session?

Yes. Judges may ask questions regarding the participant's solution, assumptions, technical approach, and business impact.

25. How are winners selected?

Participants will be evaluated based on the overall quality of their solution, presentation effectiveness, innovation, technical depth, and ability to address questions from the judging panel.

26. Are internships available?

Yes. Selected participants may receive internship offers based on their performance throughout the program.

27. Is participation in the hackathon a guarantee of an internship?

Yes, only for the students clearing all rounds of Hackathon

28. When will internship selections be announced?

Internship selections will be communicated after the completion of the Pitch-Out evaluation process.

29. When will internships begin?

January 2027.

30. Will participation certificates be provided?

Participation and achievement certificates may be provided as per program guidelines.

Selection Process Overview

Stage 1: Registration & Resume Screening

- Registration Window: 1–7 August 2026
- Students submit their applications and resumes.
- Applications are reviewed and shortlisted based on profile strength and eligibility.

Stage 2: Online Assessment

- Assessment Date: 11 August 2026
- Duration: 30 Minutes
- Areas Covered:
 - Technology Fundamentals
 - Analytics
 - Logical Reasoning
 - Quantitative Aptitude
 - Problem Solving

Stage 3: Problem Statement & Solution Development

- Assessment-qualified participants receive a problem statement.
- Participants work individually to develop and submit solutions.
- Submissions are evaluated by the review panel.

Stage 4: Pitch-Out Round

- Top 50 participants from each campus advance to the Pitch-Out Round.
- Presentations are conducted over two days:
 - Day 1: 25 Participants
 - Day 2: 25 Participants
- Final evaluations are completed by the judging panel.

Internship selections are made following the Pitch-Out Round.

Important Dates at a Glance

Activity	Timeline
Registrations Open	1 August 2026
Registrations Close	7 August 2026
Online Assessment	11 August 2026
Campus Hackathons / Solution Development	17 August – 28 September 2026
Pitch-Out Round	Following each campus hackathon
Internship Selections	After Pitch-Out Evaluations
Intern Onboarding	January 2027

Program Journey

Registration → Resume Screening → Online Assessment → Solution Development → Top 50 Participants per Campus → 2-Day Pitch-Out Round → Internship Selection → January 2027 Onboarding