

Rank	Hackathon Name	Company	Dates	Prize Pool	Internship Offered	Stipend	Application Link	Notes
1	Microsoft Imagine Cup 2026	Microsoft	Sep 30, 2025 - May 2026	\$100,000 USD (PES + Labs)	Yes - Mentorship with CEO Satya Nadella	Not specified	<a href="https://imaginecup.microsoft.com">https://imaginecup.microsoft.com</a>	Scale & Launch track; Up to 4 students per team; 55,000 Acme credits
2	HackWithInfy 2026	Infosys	April 2025 (Round 1) - August 2025 (Round 2)	₹1,00,000 (1st) + ₹1,50,000 (2nd) + ₹5.1 Lacs	Yes - Power Programmer & System Engineer roles (3-9 LPA)	Yes - \$ to \$9 LPA as per role	<a href="https://www.infosys.com/career/hackwithinfy/">https://www.infosys.com/career/hackwithinfy/</a>	4-day Grand Finale; Top 500 from Round 1 advance; Pre-placement interview
3	Goldman Sachs India Hackathon 2026	Goldman Sachs	April-May 2026 (TBA)	Prize varies by region; Cash rewards + Internship	Yes - Summer Analyst Program	Competitive stipend (varies)	<a href="https://www.goldmansachs.com/events">https://www.goldmansachs.com/events</a>	Multi-round selection; Coding challenges; Internship + PPO opportunities
4	Walmart Sparkathon 2026	Walmart	June-September 2026	₹2,00,000 Total Pool	Yes - Software Engineering Internships & Full-time roles	₹1,00,000/month (for selected candidates)	<a href="https://walmart.com/eng/sparkathon">https://walmart.com/eng/sparkathon</a>	Graduating batch 2026-2027; 21 LPA package for FTE; Direct interview opportunity
5	Code for Good Hackathon 2026	JPMorgan Chase	October-November 2026 (Various locations)	\$300-500 per person (approx \$3000 per winning team)	Yes - Software Engineer Program Summer Internship 2026	Not specified	<a href="https://careers.jpmorgan.com/apply-for-good">https://careers.jpmorgan.com/apply-for-good</a>	Social Impact focus; Multiple locations in USA; Travel covered; 2-day event

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Microsoft Imagine Cup	Microsoft	Sep 2025 - May 2026	\$100,000 USD + Mentorship with CEO	Yes	Azure credits (\$5000)	<a href="https://imaginecup.microsoft.com">https://imaginecup.microsoft.com</a>	Global	Students 18+ (teams up to 4)
HackWithHerly	Infosys	April - August 2026	₹5.5 Lakhs total prizes	Yes (PO)	3-9 LPA	<a href="https://www.infosys.com/careers/hackwithherly">https://www.infosys.com/careers/hackwithherly</a>	India	B.E/B.Tech/M.Tech graduates 2026-2027
Goldman Sachs India Hackathon	Goldman Sachs	April-May 2026	Cash + Internship opportunities	Yes	Varies	<a href="https://www.goldmansachs.com/careers">https://www.goldmansachs.com/careers</a>	India	UG students graduating Dec 2026 - May 2027
Walmart Sparkathon 2026	Walmart Global Tech	June-September 2026	₹2,90,000 prizes	Yes (Internship & FTE)	₹1,00,000/month	<a href="https://walmart.com/tech/sparkathon">https://walmart.com/tech/sparkathon</a>	India	Engineering students graduating 2026-2027
Code for Good Hackathon	JPMorgan Chase	October-November 2026	\$3000+ per winning team	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://careers.jpmorgan.com/code-for-good">https://careers.jpmorgan.com/code-for-good</a>	USA/Global	Developers of all levels
Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026	Ministry of Education/AICTE	TBA (Usually March-April)	₹50+ Lakhs total prize pool	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://www.sih.gov.in">https://www.sih.gov.in</a>	India	Students from all disciplines
TechFiesta 2026	PCT Pune	Q1 2026	₹1.5+ Lakhs	Yes (Internships + PPOs)	Not specified	<a href="https://techfiesta.pct.edu">https://techfiesta.pct.edu</a>	India (On-site)	All students; 24-hour grand finale
Innovators Hackathon 2026	AICT Hub + NMIIET	January 22-23, 2026	₹50,000 (1st) + ₹25,000 (2nd) + ₹15,000 (3rd)	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://aict.org/innovators-hackathon-2026">https://aict.org/innovators-hackathon-2026</a>	India (On-site Pune)	Students & startups
AI for Good Hackathon	Tech Company (AI-focused)	Ongoing 2026	₹2,75,000 + 6-month internships	Yes (6 months)	Not specified	<a href="https://ai-for-good.devpost.com">https://ai-for-good.devpost.com</a>	India	Students (Class 2023+) & professionals (up to 2 years)
Morgan Stanley Code to Give	Morgan Stanley	Q1-Q2 2026	Cash prizes + Internship	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://www.morganstanley.com/careers">https://www.morganstanley.com/careers</a>	Global	University students
Flipkart GRID 7.0	Flipkart	2026 (TBA)	₹1+ Crore total prize pool	Yes (Internship + FTE)	Varies	<a href="https://www.flipkart.com/flipkart-grid">https://www.flipkart.com/flipkart-grid</a>	India	Engineering & MBA students
Adobe India Hackathon	Adobe	2026 (TBA)	Cash prizes + Internships	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://unstop.com/hackathons/adobe-india">https://unstop.com/hackathons/adobe-india</a>	India	Students & professionals (teams 2-3)
Shopify Build Challenge	Shopify	Throughout 2026	Cash + Shop credit	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://www.shopify.com/build">https://www.shopify.com/build</a>	Global	Developers of all levels
GitHub Copilot Hackathon	GitHub	Multiple events 2026	Prizes + visibility	Possible	Not specified	<a href="https://github.com/events/hackathons">https://github.com/events/hackathons</a>	Global	Open to all developers
HSIL Healthcare Hackathon 2026	Harvard School of Public Health	Feb - June 2026	Prize pool + incubation support	Possible	Not specified	<a href="https://hsil.harvard.edu/build-hackathon-2026">https://hsil.harvard.edu/build-hackathon-2026</a>	Global	Healthcare innovation focus
Infocore Hackathon March 2026	Open Science Community	March 13-13, 2026	Community recognition	No	Not specified	<a href="https://infocore.org/events/2026/hackathon-march-2026">https://infocore.org/events/2026/hackathon-march-2026</a>	Virtual/Global	Bioinformatics developers
HackUNCP 2026	UNC Pembroke	February 21-22, 2026	Prizes for AI track winners	Possible	Not specified	<a href="https://hackuncp-2026.devpost.com">https://hackuncp-2026.devpost.com</a>	USA	AI/ML track focus
Technothon 2026	VES Polytechnic	2026 (TBA)	Cash prizes + Internships	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://www.technothon.in">https://www.technothon.in</a>	India	Polytechnic students only
Coderters by Walmart	Walmart	2026 (TBA)	Women-focused; Cash + Internship	Yes	Varies	<a href="https://walmart.com/careers/tech">https://walmart.com/careers/tech</a>	India	Women engineers graduating 2026-2027
She++ by Uber	Uber	2026 (TBA)	Women-focused; Cash + Internship	Yes	Varies	<a href="https://www.uber.com/careers/she++">https://www.uber.com/careers/she++</a>	Global	Women in tech
Kyndryl Finovate Hackathon	Kyndryl	2026 (TBA)	Cash prizes + Internship	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://athlon.mettl.com/finovate">https://athlon.mettl.com/finovate</a>	India	Finance + tech focused
Juspay Hiring Challenge 2025-2026	Juspay (Payments)	Ongoing 2026	Cash + Internship opportunities	Yes	Not specified	<a href="https://unstop.com/juspay-hiring-challenge">https://unstop.com/juspay-hiring-challenge</a>	India	Payment tech developers

Factor	Importance	Recommendation	Key Tips			
Project Quality	Critical	Build production-ready solution with proper documentation	Use GitHub, write clean code, prepare demo video			
Team Composition	High	2-4 members with diverse skills (frontend, backend, design)	Find teammates early; complementary skills matter more than individual brilliance			
Problem Statement Focus	Critical	Address real-world problems with measurable impact	Understand the hackathon's theme deeply; solve it completely			
Presentation Skills	High	Clear pitch deck + 2-minute demo video	Practice pitch; show problem, solution, impact, business value			
Novel Approach	Medium	Use AI/ML, blockchain, or emerging tech if relevant	Innovation counts but shouldn't sacrifice functionality			
Timeline Management	Critical	Allocate time: 40% planning, 40% coding, 20% presentation	Start early; don't wait until last day			
Documentation	Medium	GitHub README, API docs, deployment guide	Well-documented code impresses judges			
Mentorship	Medium	Seek help from mentors during hackathon	Judges appreciate teams that actively learn			
Live Demo	Critical	Test thoroughly; have backup demo video	Live demos often fail; backup is essential			
Internship Interview Prep	High	If selected, prepare for follow-up interviews	Hackathon win = interview opportunity, not guaranteed job			

Time Period	Action Item	Details		
Now (Dec 2025)	Apply to Top 5	Microsoft Imagine Cup deadline Jan 5-9; Start preparing project idea		
January 2026	Monitor registrations	HackWithInfy Round 1, TechFiesta registration may open		
February 2026	Build projects	HSIL Hackathon program starts; HackUNCP takes place Feb 21-22		
March 2026	Continue applying	Smart India Hackathon usually happens around this time		
April-May 2026	Multiple hackathons	HackWithInfy Round 1-2, Goldman Sachs, HSIL Judging phases		
June-September 2026	Walmart Sparkathon	Apply, build project, attend finalist rounds		
September onwards	Fall hackathons	Code for Good (Oct-Nov), Adobe, others typically happen		
Preparation Tips	Consistency	Apply to 3-4 hackathons simultaneously for better chances		
	Networking	Join hackathon communities on Discord/Slack for mentorship		
	Learn	Strengthen DSA, system design, full-stack development skills before applying		