



# Humanitarian Innovation Awards Hackathon 2026



## When

Fri 17 July 2026, 4pm  
to  
Sun 19 July 2026, 3pm

## Where

In-person at Sydney Knowledge  
Hub, USYD or join us online through  
Slack.

## Register

Registrations will open in May 2026

## Learn more

Discover more about the HIA  
program at

<https://hack-eng.sydney.edu.au/>

## Mentor Information

Join our team as a Hackathon Mentor and be at the forefront of change in humanitarian innovation. You will:

- Meet new and likeminded people in the industry.
- Innovate with the new generation.

We are looking for **TEAM MENTORS**. You will work between 2 – 4 teams and will assist your teams in navigating the Hackathon, along with challenging their creative thinking and ideation.

Our Team Mentors will be our participant's buddies throughout the Hackathon - supporting with practical project management advice and teamwork tips. They will assist in prompting team conversations towards understanding a specific problem or opportunity and keeping the team on-track and motivated to reach the submission finish-line.

These highly-organised humans will help teams reach key milestones and overcome any logistical challenges. They are also invited to assist in our Preliminary Judging round on Sunday.

## Commitment

In the lead up to the event, there will be a Mentor Onboarding Zoom meeting.

Mentoring begins on Saturday morning 18 July, and all Mentors are invited to the Hackathon Opening Ceremony, 4pm Friday 17 July.

The Mentors don't need to be available 100% of the Hackathon, but they should ensure they communicate their availability to their teams and stay connected.

## Technology

All mentors are invited to attend the Hackathon either in-person at The University of Sydney or online. To support communication across the entire event, **Slack** will be the main engagement channel. The [HIA website](#) is also a key source of information.