

## Hackathons (Fall 2025 – Summer 2026) with Internship Opportunities

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<b>HackMIT 2025</b> – general tech Massachusetts Institute of Technology <sup>1</sup>	In-person (students only)	<b>Sept 13– 14, 2025</b> <sup>1</sup>	Cambridge, MA	One of the nation's top collegiate hackathons with many tech sponsors present (e.g. Google, quant firms). Great networking; sponsors and mentors often scout talent <sup>1</sup> . No direct internship prize, but strong chance to land interviews through sponsor connections.	<a href="#">HackMIT 2025</a> (applications open mid-year)

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<b>PennApps XXVI</b> – general tech  <i>Univ. of Pennsylvania</i> <sup>2</sup>	In-person (students only)	<b>Sept 19– 21, 2025</b> <sup>2</sup>	Philadelphia, PA	Oldest student- run hackathon in the U.S., attracts 400+ hackers globally <sup>3</sup> . Major sponsors (e.g. Bloomberg, Capital One, Jane Street) attend, offering mentorship and often recruiting interns on-site <sup>4</sup> . Top teams win prizes; networking can lead to internship interviews.	<a href="#">PennApps XXVI</a> (free application)

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<b>Cal Hacks 12.0</b> – all domains  <i>UC Berkeley</i>	In-person (students only)	<b>Oct 24–26, 2025</b>	San Francisco, CA	Flagship Bay Area hackathon (co-hosted by industry leaders like Anthropic) . Draws thousands of students; dozens of tech companies sponsor & recruit. While no explicit internship prize, many sponsors (e.g. Google) use Cal Hacks as a talent pipeline – top hackers often secure interviews or internships via sponsor connections.	<a href="#">Cal Hacks 12.0</a> (apply or join waitlist)

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<b>Berkeley AI Hackathon</b> – AI/ML focus <i>UC Berkeley</i>	Hybrid (in-person focus)	<b>June 2026</b> (TBD; 2025 was June 21–22)	Berkeley, CA	AI-focused hackathon attracting top talent worldwide . Sponsored by AI companies – provides mentorship, on-site judges from industry, and often final-round interviews for standout teams. Companies like Zoom and Anthropic have used this event to identify interns (e.g. Zoom offered fast-track internship access in 2025) .	<a href="#">Berkeley AI Hackathon</a> (announcement in spring)

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<b>TreeHacks 2026</b> – all domains (AI, health, etc)  <i>Stanford University</i> <sup>9</sup>	In-person (open worldwide)	<b>Feb 2026</b> (TBD; ~36-hour hackathon, 2025 was Feb 14–16 <sup>9</sup> )	Stanford, CA	Elite collegiate hackathon with ~1,000 hackers flown in. Huge sponsor presence (Big Tech, startups); excellent for networking. Some sponsors award internships – e.g. in 2024, a sponsor offered a summer internship to the winning team of a challenge <sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup> . Even without a formal internship prize, many participants land interviews at sponsoring companies due to this event's visibility <sup>12</sup> <sup>13</sup> .	<a href="#">TreeHacks</a> (applications open late fall)

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<b>LA Hacks 2026</b> – general tech UCLA <small>14</small>	In-person (students only)	<b>Apr 2026</b> (TBD; annual spring event, 2025 was Apr 25–27 <small>14</small> )	Los Angeles, CA	Large West Coast hackathon drawing 1000+ students. Supported by Southern California tech companies and VCs – sponsors often host recruiting booths. Past sponsors (Google, Snapchat, etc.) have offered winners fast- track interviews. Great opportunity to showcase skills to LA-area tech recruiters.	<a href="#">LA Hacks</a> (free student registration)

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<b>JPMorgan Code for Good</b> – social good theme <sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>  JPMC Tech for Social Good Series	In-person (multi-site)	<b>Oct 3–4, 2025</b> <b>and Nov 7–8, 2025</b> (multiple 2-day sessions) <sup>17</sup>	<i>Locations:</i> NYC, Palo Alto, Houston, Plano, etc. <sup>18</sup> <i>(travel may be covered)</i>	<b>Internship Pipeline:</b> A recruiting hackathon where students (BS/MS, grad 2026–27) collaborate with JPM mentors on non-profit challenges <sup>15</sup> <sup>19</sup> . Participants engage with JPM's hiring teams; top performers are often fast-tracked for <b>Software Engineer Program</b> internship offers. <i>(Application required via JPM's career portal; acceptance includes interviews as part of the process.)</i>	<a href="#">JPM Tech for Social Good</a> (apply by Sep 2025) <sup>20</sup> <sup>21</sup>

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<b>JPMorgan Data for Good</b> – data science focus <sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup> <i>JPMC Tech for Social Good Series</i>	In-person (multi-site)	<b>Oct 3–4, 2025</b> (single session) <sup>22</sup>	<i>Locations:</i> NY, DE, IL, OH, TX <sup>23</sup>	<b>Internship Pipeline:</b> Similar to Code for Good but aimed at data scientists (STEM MS/PhD students) <sup>24</sup> . Teams analyze social-good datasets with guidance from JPM data engineers. Part of the hiring process for JPM's <b>Data Science</b> and <b>Quant</b> roles – participants who impress are offered interviews/ internships. <i>(Travel provided in some cases; application required).</i>	<a href="#">JPM Data for Good</a> (apply by Sep 20, 2025) <sup>25</sup>



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<b>Morgan Stanley Code to Give</b> – social good theme <sup>26</sup> <sup>27</sup>	Hybrid (virtual + on-site finals)	<b>Late 2025–Early 2026</b> (e.g. Fall hack week with final presentations)	Virtual (coding) + Alpharetta, GA (2024 final)	<b>Internship Interviews for Winners:</b> Global competition where student teams build tech for nonprofits, mentored by Morgan Stanley engineers <sup>26</sup> . Applicants apply in advance; hack runs ~1 week online, then finalists present at a Morgan Stanley office. Winners <b>“win prizes and [are] considered for an internship or full-time role”</b> at Morgan Stanley <sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup> . (e.g. 2024 Alpharetta winners earned internship interviews.)	<a href="#">MS Code to Give</a> (events announced via Morgan Stanley careers; 2025 details TBA)

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<b>DeveloperWeek 2026 Hackathon</b> – all domains (enterprise, AI, etc) <sup>29</sup>  DevNetwork/DeveloperWeek Conf.	Hybrid (virtual + in-person finals)	<b>Feb 2026</b> (online phase + <b>Feb 18–19, 2026</b> finals at DevWeek Conf) <sup>30</sup>	Online + San Jose, CA	Largest <b>open</b> hackathon (~1000+ participants) co-located with DeveloperWeek (industry conference) <sup>29</sup> . Open to students and professionals; dozens of tech companies sponsor challenge prizes (APIs, cloud, etc.). While prizes are typically cash or gadgets, sponsors often recruit from the pool of finalists. Being a top team can lead to networking with hiring managers from sponsor companies (many Silicon Valley firms attend).	<a href="#">DevWeek 2026 Hackathon</a> (register online; free with DevWeek pass) <sup>31</sup>

#### Tips & Recommendations:

- **Apply Early & Prepare:** Many student hackathons (e.g. HackMIT, TreeHacks) require an application. Meet deadlines and highlight any projects or skills on the application. Prepare by brushing up on coding challenges and familiarizing yourself with hackathon themes or sponsor technologies (for example, know some basics of the APIs/cloud services that sponsors like to see used).

- **Focus on Networking:** Hackathons with company sponsors are prime recruiting grounds. Take advantage of networking lounges, sponsor workshops, and career fairs during the event. Introduce yourself to company reps, ask about internship programs, and **show genuine interest in their tech**. For virtual segments (like Code to Give's online phase <sup>32</sup>), engage actively on Slack/Discord and during mentor sessions.
- **Target Sponsor Prizes:** Many hackathons offer sponsor-specific prizes (e.g. "Best Use of X API"). **Pursuing a sponsor challenge can put you on that sponsor's radar.** Even if you don't win, demonstrating interest in a company's technology (say, building on JPMorgan's challenge at Code for Good) can be a conversation starter with recruiters.
- **Leverage Mentor Feedback:** Events like Code for Good and Code to Give pair you with employee mentors <sup>33</sup> <sup>26</sup>. Treat this as an informal interview – ask mentors about their work culture and tech stack, and show your problem-solving approach. Often mentors provide input to recruiters on participant performance.
- **Showcase Teamwork and Learning:** Companies at these hackathons look for collaborative and quick learners. During judging or any follow-up interviews, emphasize what **you learned** and how you contributed in a team under time pressure. Hackathon projects don't need to be perfect – passion and adaptability count.

By strategically choosing hackathons known for recruitment and actively engaging with sponsors, an SJSU MSSE student can not only have fun building projects but also significantly boost their internship prospects. Good luck, and happy hacking!

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