



# BLUES HACKS

FIRST EDITION

January 19-21, 2024 | Hybrid Hackathon

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# Welcome To **BLUES HACKS**

Dear Hackers,

🚀 Welcome to Blues Hacks 2023! 🚀

Get ready to unleash your creativity, dive into the world of innovation, and code your way to excellence at Blues Hacks! We're thrilled to have you join us for this exciting hackathon, where brilliant minds come together to push the boundaries of what's possible in the realm of technology.

We challenge you to think outside the box, disrupt the status quo, and redefine what's conceivable in the tech universe.

We wish every hacker the absolute best for this weekend. Thanks so much for being here, and making the 10th year something truly special.

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- Engaging Workshops: Sharpen your skills with hands-on workshops from industry experts.
- Networking: Connect with like-minded individuals, form teams, and make lifelong connections.
- Prizes: Compete for awesome prizes and recognition for your innovative solutions.
- Fun and Games: It's not all about coding; we've got some surprises in store for you!

# Important Information



## 📍 Location

371 Bloor St W, Toronto, ON M5S 2R7

## 🎒 What to Bring

- Reusable Water Bottle
  - Staying hydrated is important!
  - Water bottle refilling stations available on all floors
- Food
  - Snacks will be provided on Friday
  - Pizza will be served on Sunday
  - Bring extra food if you would like to!

## 📝 Project Submission

- All projects must be submitted to our devpost at: [blues-hacks24.devpost.com](https://blues-hacks24.devpost.com) by 11:30 AM EST on Sunday, January 21st, 2024
- Submissions must include all design assets and source code created at Blues Hacks (e.g. via a link to your GitHub repository).
- All code for your project must be written between 5:00 PM EST on Friday, January 19th, 2024, and 11:30 AM EST on Sunday, January 21st, 2024.
- It is permitted and recommended to install any necessary software in advance.

- Assembly of hardware projects in advance is not permitted.
- It is permitted to gather a data set for the purpose of being used as training data for a model in an AI project in advance.
- Training a model on data for an AI project in advance is not permitted.
- Plagiarism is not tolerated and any teams with plagiarized work will be disqualified.
- You may use any publically available libraries/packages/design assets.
- Please code with integrity! Final interpretation of these rules (including all rules on this page) is at the sole discretion of the Organizers, and potential violations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

## **Judging**

- Each team will submit all project code and/or video demonstrations by 11:30 a.m on Sunday.
- Judging will begin at 12:00 p.m and last 3 hours.
- Each team will have 5 minutes to present their project and will field questions from judges for a maximum of 5 minutes.
- There will be a 5 minute transition period between each presentation allowing for judges to complete their evaluations.
- Judging Criteria to be released soon!

# Schedule



## Friday, January 19th:

### 5:00 PM: Hackathon Kick-Off

The Kick-Off will run from 5-6pm on Friday. Attendance is encouraged but will not be mandatory. For those unable to attend in-person, a livestream will be made available.

During the kick-off you'll get essential information about the event weekend including a preview of all the incredible events we have planned.

You will also get a chance to hear from some incredible people in the tech space, including our keynote speaker.

### 6:00 PM: Team Formation and Project Work Time

Don't have a team? No worries! Directly after kick-off, a team formation event will be held to get your team together!

Already have a team? You can use this time to get some work done and get a head start! Classrooms on L1 will be open as work spaces.

### 7:00 PM: Goodbyes

After 2 hours of excitement, it's time to say goodbye. Don't worry though! Saturday will be filled with workshops and you'll get to see everyone on Sunday!

## **Saturday, January 20th:**

Saturday will be a fully online workday. This is the day you'll be devoting to getting your project ready for judging!

There'll also be some amazing online workshops that can help you in building your projects.

## **Sunday, January 21st:**

### **9:00 AM: Doors Open**

The school will open at 9 AM on Sunday. Classrooms on L1 will be open to all hackers as work spaces. Hackers are encouraged to come in and use the space for the final hours of hack time!

### **11:30 AM: Submission Deadline**

Projects must be submitted by 11:30 AM to be eligible for judging and prize consideration.

### **12:00 PM: Judge Time**

Judging will begin at 12 PM. Teams will receive their time slot once the submission deadline has closed. Teams are asked to arrive to their judging room at least 10 minutes before their time slot.

## 4:00 PM: Closing Ceremonies

Closing ceremonies will run from 4-5pm on Sunday. This will serve as an opportunity for the top 3 projects to be announced. It will also mark the official end of all activities related to the hackathon.

## **What To Do Between 12:00-4:00 PM:**

Once you submit your project, there's going to be some waiting time between submission, judging time and closing ceremonies.

We dont want you to get bored so we have some exciting workshops and activities planned for all hackers.

You can also use this time to network with other hackers and learn about the amazing projects they are working on!

Leaving the school is also an option! There are many things to do around the neighborhood. Make sure you make it back in time for your judging time slot and closing ceremonies!



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