

Welcome hackers! Congratulations on making it this far in the application process!

You are one of 500 hackers who have been successfully accepted into Hack the Valley. With over 1,000 applications from across North America it was a long and tough application reviewal process. We will have loads of workshops, speakers and fun events ready to make sure that this is a hackathon to remember!

The Hackathon registration is open from 9AM - 10:45AM. Please arrive at the venue by 10:45AM!

Additionally, we will be arranging a Team Building Workshop on January 7th at 9:30AM - 10:30AM. If your preferred teammates won't be attending, this is your chance to network and team up with people from other universities!

You will be hacking overnight at our Instructional Centre, a new addition to UTSC featuring award winning architecture and Canada's largest undergraduate finance lab.

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This is what you'll need to be prepared for the 2 whole days of hacking.

All devices must be fully charged (before leaving your house).

Do not Update Any Software on your computer unless necessary from the 7th-8th (Wi-Fi may be slow and keep your computer updating for the whole hackathon).

Get A LOT of sleep (so you don't have to sleep at the hackathon \odot).







Tool Checklist

Passport (if Non-Canadian) / Sleeping Bag or Pillow / Chargers / Gifts / Tickets / UML (Documentation) / Designs / GDrive, Dropbox or GitHub Account / Backups / Water Bottle and Headphones Technology (Laptops, Android Phones, A cached version of documentation or a website in case the Wi-Fi goes down, which is highly unexpected) Software (Make sure you are using GitHub to keep BACKUPS of your work)

Pencil/Paper

Extension cords for outlets

Backpack

Snacks + Water

Sweatshirt and Jacket in case it gets cold and extra clothing (optional)

Planning

A document will be provided near the end of the hackathon with information about approximate duration, check points as well as the Pre-Recording Pitch.

To start, think about this:

What is the issue your product will be solving?

Why is it an important issue to solve?

How will your product be solving it?

(this is where you can talk about all the cool features you've implemented and how the code works!)

Food

Meals are available throughout both days. Vegetarian options are also available.

Travel

Unfortunately, due to monetary concerns we will be unable to refund travel costs to and from the hackathon. We do recommend carpooling as we will provide limited free passes for parking. Paid parking is available (if we run out of passes) and don't worry there's lots of parking space available!

