

The Solana Breakout Hackathon, running from April 14 to May 16, 2025, is a global, online competition where developers and founding teams build impactful products with scalable business models. Participants must register individually before submitting projects, which should be new and integrate with Solana. Submissions are judged on functionality, potential impact, novelty, user experience, open-source contribution, and business plan viability. Winning teams may be interviewed for Colosseum's eight-week accelerator program, which offers \$250,000 in pre-seed funding, mentorship, and access to an exclusive founder network. The accelerator aims to help teams rapidly iterate to find product-market fit and raise seed funding faster.

How will projects be judged?

Colosseum project submissions will be judged on a variety of factors. After projects are submitted, they are evaluated by a judging panel to determine a shortlist based on a review of the code and presentation. As Colosseum hackathons are intended to be a speed run through the launch of a new project, it's important that all participants spend time finishing their marketing and presentation, as well their code.

All projects will be reviewed, and judges will consult these factors as they evaluate:

Background: Who is the team creating this product? Does the team have the right fit to execute on this? Why are they interested in creating a solution to the problem they set out to solve?

Functionality: How well does the product work? How does it stack up against the competition?

Potential Impact: How big is the total addressable market for this project? What will be the impact of this project on the broader Solana ecosystem?

Novelty: How unique is this project's concept?

User Experience: How well does this project utilize Solana's performance to create great UX for downstream users?

Open-source: Is this project open-source? How well does the project compose with other primitives in the Solana ecosystem?

Business Plan: Is there a viable business to be built around this project? At it's core, Colosseum hackathons are startup competitions, so this is critical. Also, it is key to allocate enough time on your project presentation (slides or video) to give a holistic view of your project.

After judges complete individual evaluations, the Colosseum team will sync with the judges and choose the winners while taking into account their feedback/scores. Winners of the event will be announced within a month of the hackathon submission date.