

SPARK HACKER PACKAGE

2025-2026

WELCOME HACKERS

Congratulations on your acceptance to Spark! As the weekend of Jan 30th - Feb 1st, we have prepared this handbook for you to find all the information and resources related to Spark.

ABOUT SPARK

WDS is excited to announce **SPARK Hackathon x Case Competition**, a **38-hour**, high-energy innovation challenge where students from diverse backgrounds come together to collaborate, ideate, and build impactful solutions to real-world problems.

Throughout the competition, participants will work in teams to design, prototype, and pitch creative and practical ideas that address meaningful challenges. Whether you're a developer, designer, strategist, or someone looking to explore innovation for the first time, Spark provides a supportive environment to learn, experiment, and push boundaries.

In addition to gaining hands-on experience, participants will receive guidance from mentors and refine their ideas through continuous feedback. Teams will present their final solutions to a panel of judges, showcasing not only their technical execution but also their strategic thinking and real-world applicability.

Participants will also have the opportunity to compete for exciting prizes and connect with our sponsors, gaining valuable insights into careers in tech, consulting, and innovation.

Spark is an opportunity to apply what you've learned in a fast-paced, collaborative setting while working alongside motivated students and industry professionals.

WHAT TO BRING

Show up ready to build, collaborate, and create — just make sure you have the items below with you.

- Personal ID (Student ID or Driver's License)
- Tech (laptop, phone, chargers, etc.)
- Comfortable clothing

Food & Refreshments:

Free breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and refreshments will be provided during the Hackathon. Food is limited to one serving per participant.

Accommodation Notice:

This is a non-residential event. Participants traveling from outside the area are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and travel logistics.

Pacing Yourself

At Spark, our goal is to create a fun and educational experience for everyone. You are not expected to work for 38 hours straight, so please remember to take breaks and get enough rest. Taking care of yourself will help you stay energized, focused, and enjoy the event to the fullest.

SLACK

This channel will serve as the central hub for all event-related communication, including announcements, live updates, and team formation throughout the competition. If you haven't joined the Slack already, please do so soon!

- Learn how to use Slack  [here](#)
- Learn how we use Slack in organizations  [here](#)

ARRIVAL

- Day 1 Checkins will be at Morisette Collaborative Space
- Day 2 will be at the IGAB Atrium
- Day 3 Breakfast will be served at SEI 4109
- Day 3 Judging will be at the Ivey Breakout Rooms
- Day 3 Lunch will be at SEI 4109

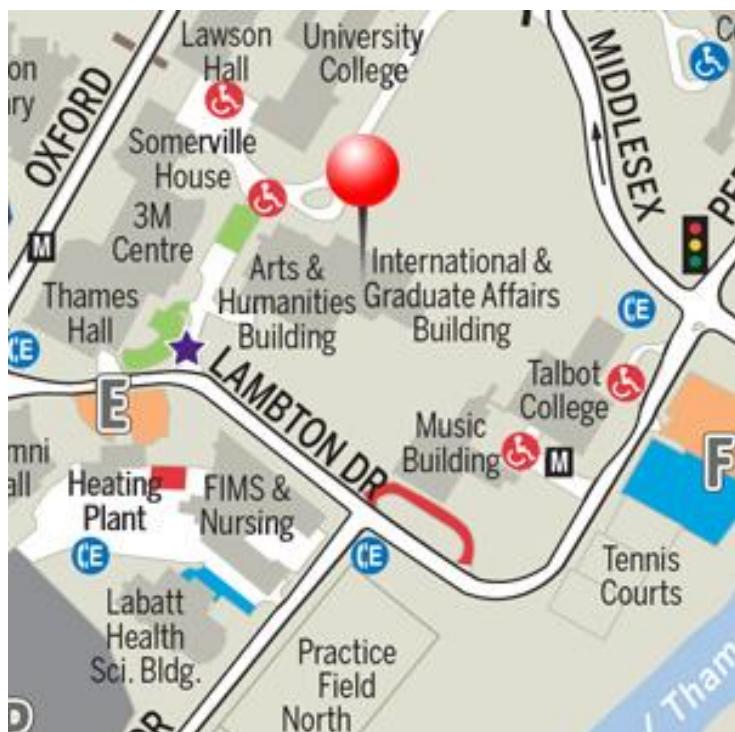
If you are to arrive late for registration, please let any one with the [Organizer] tag on our Slack know!

LOCATION

Morisette Collaborative Space



IGAB Atrium

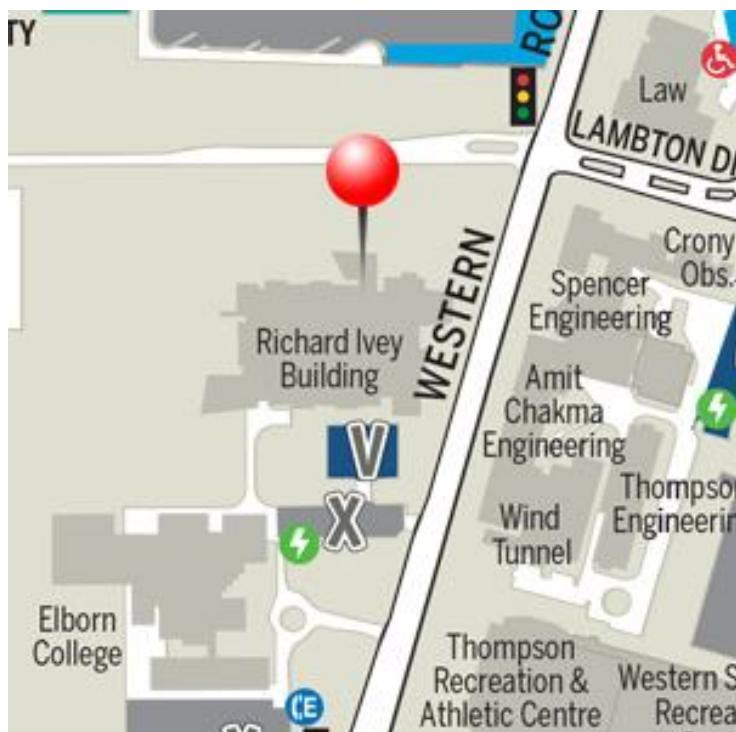


LOCATION

SEI 4109



IVEY Breakout Rooms



SUBMISSION DETAILS

Teams **MUST** submit their hack on Devpost where all team members must be listed, and all be physically present during pitching to be eligible to win prizes

PRIZES

Official Tracks

Our team has put together lots of exciting prizes for the winning competitors:

Top 3 Overall:

1st place – JBL Speaker

2nd place – Amazon Echo Dot

3rd place – Mini Projector

Best Beginner Hack – Uber Eats Gift Card

Best Case Pitch – 1 Year Slido Membership

Additional Prizes!

Lyft referrals – 1st place team along with 2 outstanding competitors will receive referrals

EY referrals – 2nd place team

EY coffee chats – 3rd place team

CONTACT US

We hope you have an amazing time at Spark! Don't be afraid to try something new, and ask lots of questions. The talented mentors and WDS team are here to help.

If you need to reach us for any reason, please don't hesitate to contact Ryhana Williams and Wanyi Chen, or anyone with the [Organizer] tag in the Slack!



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