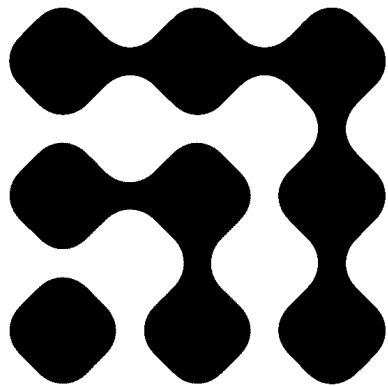


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# MIDWEST BLOCKCHAIN CONFERENCE

**Welcome** to the University Blockchain Conference hackathon!

This one-week hackathon is designed to provide new and experienced builders from all backgrounds the opportunity to research, build, and pitch their wildest crypto ideas to a panel of industry leaders and experts. Whether you're a seasoned developer or just getting started, **there's a place for you here.**

## Event Structure

Hackers **MUST** submit their projects to **ONLY 1** of the 2 main tracks:



*OR*



Participants may also choose to submit to as many bounties as they would like to **AFTER** they have chosen their primary track



Polymarket

## Hackathon Timeline

- **Kickoff:** Sunday, November 30
- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, December 5 at 05:59 PM ET
- **Workshops and Office Hours:** Solana and Base will host virtual workshops throughout the week of Nov 30th - Dec 5th. All bounty sponsors will also host workshops/office hours to help explain what they are looking for in submissions
- **Judging:** Saturday, December 6 (in-person review and demos)
- **Final Presentations:** Saturday, December 6 during MBC closing ceremony

## Pitch & Final Presentations

- The **top 10 teams** (6 from Solana, 4 from Base) will be selected to pitch in person to judges on **Saturday Dec 6th**
  - The top bounty teams will also be selected to pitch
- Each finalist team will have **5 minutes to present** and **2 minutes for Q&A**
- Judging panels will deliberate and determine winners immediately following all 10 pitches
- Winners will be announced live at the **MBC closing ceremony**

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## Hackathon Prizes

<b>Main Track</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Solana Track</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Base Track</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
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<b>Bounties</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Polymarket (prediction markets)</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Circle / USDC (payments)</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
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<b>Participation Track</b>	<b>\$50 per team</b>

*Note: Submitting to a main track is mandatory. Bounties are optional and open to submissions from either track, provided they meet the bounty's technical requirements. Ex: A solana project that uses Circle's APIs can qualify for the Circle bounty*

## Main Track Overview: Solana

## Overview

We're looking for a team to create a next onchain app that will onboard millions using the best-in-class UX that Solana provides. Any project submission that is built using Solana's high performance infrastructure will be considered. Projects will be judged on their innovation, technical skill, and impact on someone's everyday life.

## Objectives

Projects should aim to:

- Leverage Solana's scalability, composability, and cost efficiency.
- Solve practical problems for users and/or developers.
- Demonstrate fluency with Solana's SDKs, frameworks, and standards.
- Showcase creativity, originality, and strong technical execution.

## Technical Requirements

Projects must:

- Deploy to or interact with **Solana devnet or mainnet**.
- Use at least one Solana development tool or framework:
  - Anchor Framework (Rust)
  - Solana client sdks (@solana/[web3.js](#), solanapy, @solana/kit, etc)
- Include a public **GitHub repository** with documentation and setup instructions.
- Provide a functional demo (frontend or CLI-based).

## Submission Requirements

- **Title & Team Members** (names, affiliations, roles)
- **Project Description** ( $\leq$  250 words)
- **Demo Video** ( $\leq$  3 minutes)
- **GitHub Repository Link** (complete public codebase)
- **Technical Summary** explaining the problem, architecture, Solana tools used, and reasoning for choosing Solana
- Professional Readme with a table of contents
- Deployed Program Address (if applicable)

## Prizes

### Solana Track

<b>1st Place</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>4th Place</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>5th Place</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>Participation Track</b>	<b>\$50 per team</b>
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## Main Track Overview: Base

### Overview

The Base Track is for projects built on Base's Ethereum L2. With low fees, fast finality, and full EVM compatibility, Base enables accessible onchain applications that can scale to millions of users.

We're looking for projects that show **strong technical execution, originality, and clear impact** using Base's infrastructure and ecosystem tools.

### Objectives

Projects should aim to:

- Build experiences that make onchain interactions simple, social, and engaging
- Show clear utility, originality, and solid technical depth
- Leverage Base's infra and developer tooling effectively

### Technical Requirements

- **Build on Base**

Projects must deploy to, or meaningfully interact with:

- **Base Mainnet**, or
- **Base Sepolia**

- **Optional (Bonus) Integrations**

Not required, but viewed favorably:

- **Base SDK / OnchainKit / MiniKit**
- Smart wallets, paymasters, **ERC-4337 account abstraction**
- **AgentKit** or **x402**
- Onchain data APIs (BaseScan, Dune, Reservoir, etc.)

## Submission Requirements

- **Title & Team Members** (names, affiliations, roles)
- **Project Description** (≤ 250 words)
- **Demo Video** (≤ 3 minutes)
  - Functional demo using UI or CLI
- **GitHub Repository Link** (complete public codebase)
- **Technical Summary**
  - Problem being solved
  - Layer 2 advantages
  - EVM stack usage
- **README:** Must include a table of contents, setup, local run steps, and architecture overview
- **Deployed Contract Address** (if applicable)

## Prizes

### Base Track

<b>1st Place</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
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<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
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<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
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### Participation Track

<b>\$50 per team</b>
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## Bounty: Prediction Markets sponsored by Polymarket

**Prize:** \$5,000

### **Overview:**

Polymarket is a decentralized prediction market platform built on the EVM infrastructure. This bounty rewards teams that integrate prediction market data, build analytics tools, or design new market primitives that expand prediction-based applications.

### **Objectives:**

- Create new on-chain market mechanisms or visualizations for market sentiment
- Integrate Polymarket APIs or data feeds for analytics or decision-making tools
- Build UX-enhancing layers (dashboards, APIs, bots) using Polymarket data

### **Requirements:**

- Must use Polymarket's public APIs or smart contract interfaces
- May be built on Solana or Base (data integrations allowed cross-chain)
- Projects must demonstrate clear utility and originality in prediction markets

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## Bounty: USDC and Payments sponsored by Circle

**Prize:** \$5,000

### **Overview:**

Circle is the issuer of USDC, the leading dollar-backed stablecoin. This bounty is open to teams creating new financial primitives or payment applications using USDC across supported networks (including Solana and Base).

### **Objectives:**

- Build seamless cross-border or in-app payment experiences using USDC
- Use Circle's APIs for transfers, wallets, or merchant integrations
- Innovate around treasury management, on-chain settlements, or microtransactions

### **Requirements:**

- Must integrate USDC on Solana or Base
- Bonus points for using Circle developer APIs
- Project demonstrates real-world relevance in payments/financial automation

## General Guidelines

### Team Composition

- Teams of 1-4 members recommended
- Solo builders welcome
- Cross-functional teams encouraged (engineering, design, product)

### What to Submit

- Project description, name, and all team members
  - A **link to the github** repository of the prototype that you made during the duration of this hackathon. If you are submitting a **private repository** you will need to contact the organizing team ahead of time to share the repo
  - Link to **Google Drive or YouTube** for your 3 - 5 minute video pitch submission. Ensure the video is accessible to the judges
  - Technical documentation / architecture overview included in a README file in the shared github repo
  - Any track specific requirements listed earlier in the guide (e.g., contract address, track specific questions, etc.)
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## Judging Process

- **Initial Screening:** Review of all submissions
- **Shortlisting:** Selection of top 10 teams across all tracks
- **Live Demos:** Finalists present to judges on stage (5 min + 2 min Q&A)
- **Deliberation:** Judges finalize rankings and award winners
- **Announcements:** Winners revealed at the closing ceremony

Judges' decisions are final. Teams must be present **in-person** for the closing ceremony to qualify for prizes.

## What We're Looking For Across All Categories

- **Technical Rigor**  
Clean, reliable code. Correct use of chain-specific tools. Clear understanding of your architecture and how it works onchain.
  - **Real Impact**  
A project that solves an actual problem for users or developers. Replace something painful, slow, or inefficient with something meaningfully better.
  - **Strong UX**  
A flow that's intuitive and easy to understand. Doesn't need to be flashy, just needs to work cleanly and make sense to a first-time user.
  - **Focused Execution**  
A complete, polished feature beats an ambitious but unfinished product. Show something end-to-end that works reliably.
  - **Clear Presentation**  
Explain the problem, your solution, and how someone would use it. Judges should understand your project within a minute: what it does, why it matters, and how it works.
  - **Viable Business/Adoption Thinking**  
Show that your idea has a path to actual users. This doesn't need to be a full "startup," but you should articulate who would use it, why they'd care, and how it could realistically grow beyond a demo.
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## Resources and Support

### For Solana Builders:

- [Solana Developer Docs](#)
- [Solana Cookbook](#)
- [Anchor Framework](#)

### For Base / EVM Builders:

- [Base Docs](#)
- [Ethereum Developers](#)
- Hardhat, Foundry, and other EVM tooling resources

### General Support:

- [Mentor office hours](#)
  - Workshops and sponsor Q&A sessions
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## FAQ

### Can I work on a pre-existing project?

No. Projects must be substantially built during the hackathon.

### Can I submit to both tracks?

Yes, if your project is truly cross-chain.

### Do I need a team?

No, solo builders are welcome.

### Can I use AI tools?

Yes, you are encouraged to use AI tools.

### Who owns my project?

You retain all rights to your code and intellectual property.

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## Let's Hack

That's everything the MBC team has for y'all!

Pick your track, form your team (or go solo), and start building. We can't wait to see what you create.

Questions? Ask in the Telegram, join [mentor hours](#), or [speak to an organizer](#).

- Turk, on behalf of MBC 25 Hackathon Organizer Committee