

# NASA Space Apps Challenge

The 36-Hour Journey: A Detailed Timeline

This is a comprehensive guide to the NASA Space Apps Challenge, a 36-hour hackathon where teams work together to solve challenges using NASA data. Follow our detailed timeline to navigate the entire journey, from team formation to the final awards ceremony.

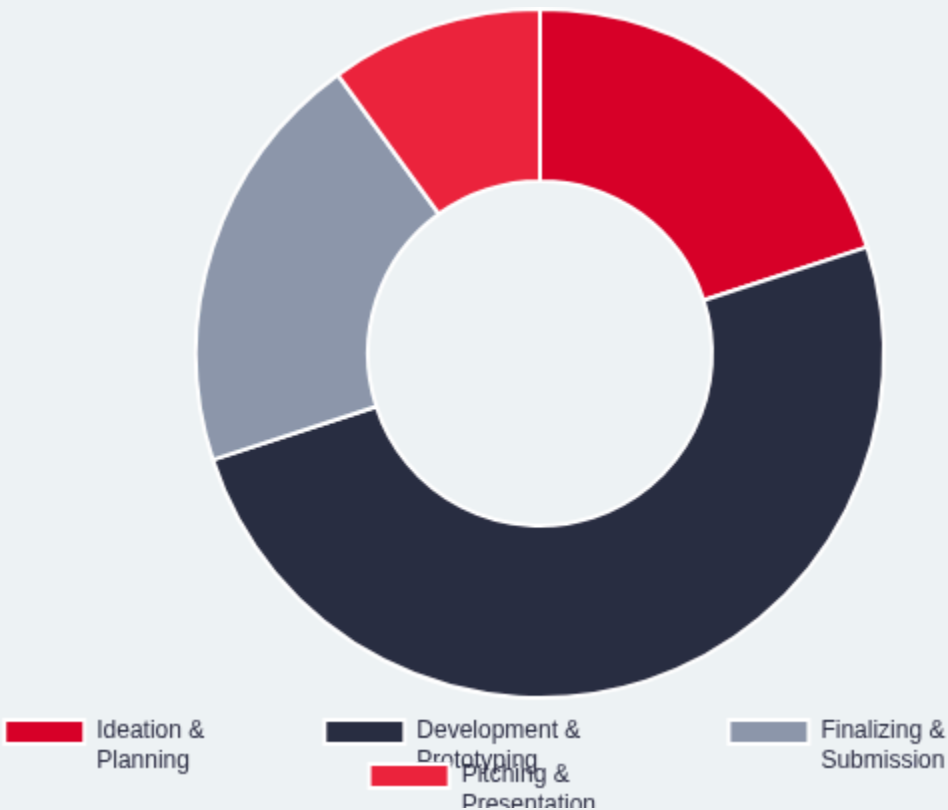
## Day 1: The Launchpad (Saturday)

- 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Final Check-in & Breakfast**  
The last chance for participants to register and a light breakfast is served as people settle in and prepare for the day.
- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM: Opening Ceremony & Welcome**  
Local organizers and key partners welcome participants and officially kick off the event.
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: The Official Challenge Reveal**  
The moment everyone has been waiting for! The official NASA challenges are presented, and the 36-hour clock officially begins.
- 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Ideation & Initial Hacking**  
Teams break into their groups to choose a challenge, brainstorm ideas, and begin the initial stages of project planning and development.
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Lunch & Mentor "Office Hours"**  
A catered lunch is served, and mentors are available to provide guidance and answer questions.
- 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Deep Hacking & Workshops**  
Teams are in full development mode. Short workshops on topics like using NASA APIs or data visualization are held to assist teams.
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Dinner & Mid-Event Check-in**  
Dinner is served, and organizers check in with teams to offer encouragement and support.
- 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM: The Final Stretch**  
The hacking continues. The venue buzzes with energy as teams push to make progress on their projects.

## Day 2: The Final Countdown (Sunday)

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Breakfast**  
Breakfast is served to recharge participants for the final push.
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM: The Final Hour(s)**  
A mad dash to finalize features, debug, and create a strong project submission. Teams finalize their project descriptions and videos.
- 11:00 AM: Submission Deadline**  
All projects must be submitted via the official NASA Space Apps platform. This is a hard deadline.
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Judging Begins**  
A panel of expert judges begins reviewing all submitted projects to determine the winners.
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Lunch**  
A well-deserved break for everyone after the frantic submission period.
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Project Pitches**  
Teams present their projects to the judges in a rapid-fire, 3-5 minute format.
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Judge Deliberation**  
Judges gather privately to finalize the winning teams.
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Closing Ceremony & Awards**  
The winners are announced for local awards and the two teams nominated for the Global Awards. The event concludes with final remarks and a celebration of everyone's efforts.

## Project Phases



This chart illustrates the typical time allocation across the various phases of a hackathon project, from initial brainstorming to the final presentation.