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\$25k Google Cloud credits to hack, \$25k OpenAI API credits to win! In person at MIT, in San Francisco, ... or online.

Hack-Nation's  
**GLOBAL AI HACKATHON**  
in collaboration with MIT Sloan AI Club & MIT CNC

Nov 8 – 9, 2025

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# How to apply?

Simply via [www.hack-nation.ai](http://www.hack-nation.ai)  
by Oct 30!

Our hackathons  
run on for 24h on  
weekends

## Saturday, Nov 8

Hackathon kick-off	10:00 AM-10:45 AM
Speaker sessions	10:45 AM-11:45 AM
15-mins break	11:45 AM-12:00 PM
Reveal of challenges	12:00 PM – 12:15 PM
Hacking begins	12:15 PM
Deadline for challenge selection and API credit application	1:15 PM

## Sunday, Nov 9

Submission deadline	9:00 AM
Jury to select Top 16 Teams	By 2:00 PM
Finalist Pitches & Jury Voting	2:30 PM-3:30 PM
Awards Ceremony	3:45 PM



Time (ET) —

Join a community  
of the **best AI  
builders!**

Across **MIT**,  
Stanford,  
Harvard & 65+  
countries.

Tackle **cool AI challenges** – no idea needed!

We will provide them.

**\$25k** Google Cloud credits to **hack**

**\$25k** in OpenAI API credits as **prizes**

Winners **pitch** in-person **at Harvard** Nov 14-16,  
2025

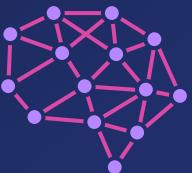
**Learn** something new!

Our mission is  
to innovate for  
impact & build  
community

We want to...



**Push the boundaries of AI in business using  
the latest tools and models**



**Accelerate learning in AI in a fun and  
collaborative way**



**Build bridges between academia, industry  
and the public sector**

# We are one of the fastest growing AI communities in the world

We have a community of **2500+** AI and CS experts

**65+** countries



**300+** universities



**10+** sponsors



# Our hackathons are hybrid: online + in-person

## We have local hubs participating



**Boston, MA, USA**  
MIT Sloan AI Club



**San Francisco,  
CA, USA**  
Local hackers



**Oxford/London,  
UK**  
Local hackers



**Bhubaneswar, India**  
KIIT DU

& more

# We invite first-class speakers and mentors for our participants from the best institutions worldwide

## Speakers



**Rama Ramakrishnan**  
MIT progressor AI/ML



**Julian Lee**  
OpenAI



**Gregory Dibb**  
Google



**Hubertus Bessau**  
Serial entrepreneur



**Kevin Alwell**  
OpenAI

## Mentors



**Brian Miller**  
MuleSoft/  
Salesforce



**Adam McGowan**  
Cisco



**Bill Queen**  
Silicon Catalyst



**Anukriti Jain**  
Thirdhome



**Howard Shen**  
GradientFL



**Jessica Summers**  
United Nations



**Luzal Vaidya**  
United Nations



**Arturo Ochoa**  
AWS



**Clara Tsao**  
Filecoin



**Martin Weis**  
Capgemini



**Andrea Jimenez**  
MIT Sloan



**Ray Skoglund**  
Banking



**Kishan Popat**  
MIT Sloan



**Abhinav Jha**  
DAERO



**Florian Dahlhausen**  
Stanford/founder



**Nicolai Andersen**  
Deloitte



**Charles Wang**  
OpenAI



**Alex Zoellner**  
X, the moonshot  
factory



**Nader Karayanni**  
Columbia/founder



**Aajinka Singh**  
Nomura



**Dave Goldberg**  
MIT/founder

# Our >60 judges come from world-class institutions...

## Judges



# ...judging 3 criteria



## Technical depth

Complexity, implementation and engineering quality



## Communication

Documentation and presentation (incl. video)



## Innovation & creativity

Originality and creative approach of solution

# Our last hackathons resulted in 370+ trained AI models and prototypes – select winners below

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**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
**Hackathon 1**

**Team SynthShape**

**Stanford University**

**Challenge:**  
Generative 3D jewelry  
design: from prompt or  
image to printable shape

[Link to video](#)

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**  
**Hackathon 1**

**Team ThermoTrace**

**MIT**

**Challenge:**  
Anomaly detection for  
thermal drone footage  
and visual Inspection

[Link to video](#)

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**  
**Hackathon 1**

**Team AI Scam Shield**

**Code University Berlin**

**Challenge:**  
Multilingual scam  
detection agent for  
WhatsApp and websites

[Link to video](#)

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**Creativity winner**  
**Hackathon 2**

**Team AG3334**

**ENSICAEN Paris**

**Challenge:**  
AI for financial document  
analysis & investment  
strategy building

[Link to video](#)

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**2<sup>nd</sup> prize VC**  
**Big Bets**

**Team Gould Standard**

**Dana Faber & Broad  
Institute & Harvard**

**Challenge:**  
AI system that to predict  
protein structure using  
smaller datasets

[Link to video](#)

Selected winners can become part of a startup accelerator – launch your venture!

We partnered with the Y Combinator of Europe – the **best accelerator**.

**Cursor** was **launched after** an **MIT Hackathon**... how about you?



# Hack-Nation's GLOBAL AI HACKATHON

## VC Track

Nov. – Jan.

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**EWOR**

**>2,800**

Applications screened manually by our team

**1,500**

Accepted for the hackathon

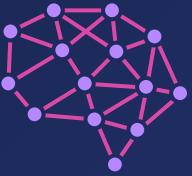
**15 teams**

Invited to the VC Track

**Our VC-track:**  
We run  
hackathons to  
identify the best  
founder talent  
worldwide and  
incubate them in  
our venture track

# VC track vision: We build AI- first start-ups that change industries

We want to...



Spot **exceptional AI talent globally** and connect them with **world-class mentors** who have walked the path before



Build and iterate at **lightning speed**, transforming bold concepts into **market-ready products**



Be **the growth partner for our 'hackers'**, supporting their journey from hackathon spark to industry-changing success

# Over the next weeks our teams will work on their solutions, receive mentoring and pitch to you



**Nov. 12**  
4:30-5:00 pm CET

**Kick-off meeting**  
Meet the cohort of innovators you'll be joining, our mentors and ask questions

*Virtual*



**Nov. 19**  
5:30-6:30 pm CET

**Workshop I - EWOR**  
Our partner EWOR – one of the most selective investors – is providing you with a product-market fit workshop

*Virtual*



**Dec. 6**  
5:00-7:15 pm CET

**Demo Day**  
Pitch your progress in front of our advisory, VCs and mentors to get live feedback to your solution and business model

*Potentially hybrid*



**Dec. 20**  
4:30-5:00 pm CET

**Mid-term check-in**  
Meet with the organizers and the cohort for a quick mid-term check-in, celebrating your progress

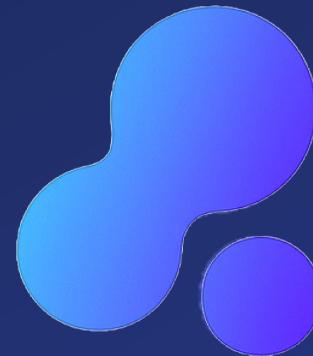
*Virtual*



**Jan. 16**  
5:00-9:30pm CET

**Investor day**  
Pitch in front of a group of angels and VCs. Come prepared and leave with your pre-seed ticket

*Potentially hybrid*



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# Appendix

## Sample challenge 1: AI Sports Coach – Conversational performance insights by ElevenLabs

*Build an AI sports coach that delivers conversational insights on performance, tactics, and training using real-time data and voice interaction.*

*The goal is to make performance analytics more engaging and accessible for athletes and coaches.*

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*Detailed infos on challenge:  
[Link](#)*

## Sample challenge 2 : AkashX.ai: **FinDocGPT** – AI for financial document analysis & investment strategy

*Create an AI that can parse, analyze, and summarize complex financial documents to inform smarter investment strategies.*

*Think of it as your always-on financial analyst who never misses a detail.*

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*Detailed infos on challenge:*

[Link](#)

# Who are the AI rockstars that participate? Please meet the winners



**Paul Goldschmidt**

AI Researcher at Stanford

Area of expertise: AI for 3D generation, AI for biodesign & digital health.

Loves running & is training for a marathon.

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**Daniel Rapoport**

MSc Business Analytics @MIT

Area of expertise: Video analytics, video generation, ML for FinTec applications

In his free time he participates in hackathons & loves traveling.

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**Ronan McCooey**

MSc Business Analytics @MIT

Area of expertise: Video analytics, video generation, ML & economics

“There is nothing better than to build something cool with your friends”

