



BRISTLETECH LAUNCHPAD ZERO TO ONE HACKATHON

Full-Day Power Experience

Build " Compete " Learn " Win
Career + Startup Focused
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ZERO³ ONE in One Day

Idea³ Execution

Take a raw concept from your mind and transform it into a working prototype within hours. This isn't theory—it's real startup pressure where ideas meet execution head-on.

Validation

Present your solution to real mentors and judges who will challenge every assumption. Learn what it takes to validate a business idea in the real world, not just the classroom.

This hackathon bridges three critical domains: **startup methodology**, **AI innovation**, and **career acceleration**. You'll work alongside real mentors who've built companies, face genuine market pressure, and compete for rewards that actually matter for your future.

Real Mentors

Get feedback from founders and industry leaders who've been in the trenches. No academic theory—just battle-tested insights from people who've shipped products and raised capital.

Real Pressure

Experience the time constraints and decision-making challenges that define startup life. Learn to prioritize ruthlessly and execute under pressure—skills no textbook can teach.

Real Rewards

Win scholarships worth \$2,00,000, cash prizes up to \$45,000, and direct pathways into internships and the Launchpad Program. Your performance here opens doors that stay closed to others.

Designed specifically for students and early builders who want more than just a certificate—this is for those hungry to break into the startup ecosystem and build something that matters.

Registration & High-Value Networking



1 499Entry: Your Access Pass

Registration isn't just check-in—it's your gateway into a carefully curated ecosystem of builders, mentors, and fellow ambitious students. The moment you walk in, you're part of something bigger.

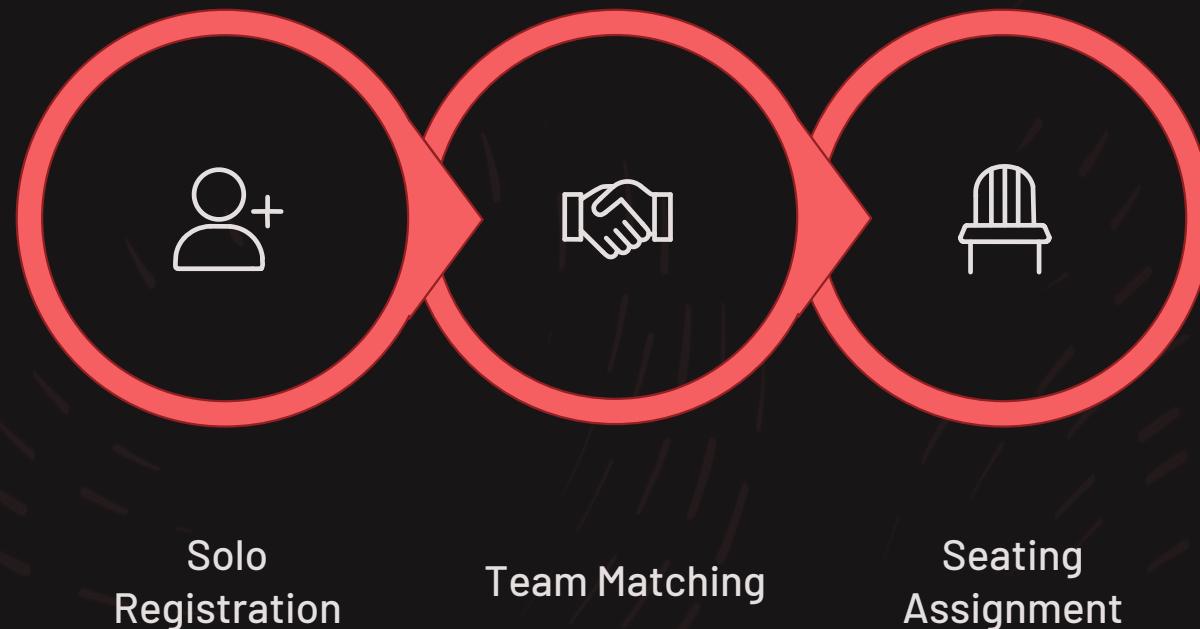
What You Get at Registration

- **Welcome Kit:** Official ID badge with QR access codes, detailed agenda booklet, and exclusive participant materials
- **Launchpad Hand Tag:** Your identifier throughout the day—wear it with pride
- **Networking Ice-Breaker:** Structured activities designed to connect you with potential co-founders and collaborators
- **Photobooth Access:** Professional photos to document your journey and build your founder brand

Use this hour strategically. The connections you make during registration often matter as much as the competition itself. Scout for complementary skills, exchange ideas, and start building your tribe before the official competition begins.

- **Pro Tip:** Come prepared with a 30-second pitch about your interests and skills. The best teams often form during this networking hour, not during formal team assembly.

Team Assembly & Track Assignment



This 15-minute sprint determines your competitive unit for the entire day. Whether you arrived with a pre-formed team or flying solo, this is where the magic of team dynamics begins.

Pre-Formed Teams

If you registered with teammates, confirm your roster and receive your team designation. You'll be assigned seating in the competition area based on your track selection and team size.

Team Confirmation Includes:

- Official team name registration
- Member role assignments (optional but recommended)
- Technology stack declaration
- Primary focus area selection

Solo Participants

Flying solo? Perfect. We'll match you with other individual participants based on complementary skills and interests you indicated during registration. Some of the best teams are formed this way.

Matching Criteria:

- Technical skills (coding, design, business)
- Interest areas (AI, web, mobile, hardware)
- Experience level and learning goals
- Communication style preferences

Each team receives their **designated workspace** with power access, WiFi credentials, and workspace essentials. Track assignments (Web, Mobile, AI/ML, or General Tech) guide which mentors you'll work with and which judging criteria apply most heavily to your project.

Opening Ceremony & Inauguration

The hackathon officially begins with an inauguration that sets the tone for everything that follows. This isn't just administrative—it's about understanding the philosophy, rules, and massive opportunities in front of you.

1 BristleTech & Launchpad Program Vision

Learn about the BristleTech ecosystem and how the Launchpad Program (LPP) has transformed students into founders. Hear success stories from previous participants who went from hackathon competitors to funded startup founders or landed roles at top companies.

2 Hackathon Rules & Judging Criteria

Crystal-clear explanation of competition rules, submission requirements, and exactly what judges will evaluate. Understanding these criteria is half the battle—to optimize for what matters.

3 Ethics & Fair Play Standards

We maintain strict standards: original work only, proper attribution for external resources, respectful collaboration, and honest representation of capabilities. Violations result in immediate disqualification.

4 Winner Benefits Deep Dive

Detailed breakdown of prizes, scholarships, and the career pathways that open for top performers. This isn't just about today—it's about trajectory-changing opportunities.

- ☐ **Key Insight:** Winners don't just get prizes—they get access. Mentorship, network introductions, LPP scholarships, and direct pathways into funded projects. The real prize is what happens after the hackathon ends.

Idea Pitching Round



100%

LPP Scholarship

Top 3 pitchers each receive full Launchpad Program scholarships worth ₹2,00,000 & a complete startup education and mentorship experience

PPT Pitching: Sell Your Vision

Each team delivers a structured pitch presenting their original startup idea. This isn't about having a working product yet; it's about demonstrating you understand the problem, the market, and why your solution matters.

What Judges Evaluate

- **Problem Clarity:** Can you articulate a real pain point people care about?
- **Solution Innovation:** Is your approach novel, defensible, or significantly better?
- **Market Understanding:** Do you know your customer and market dynamics?
- **Feasibility:** Can this actually be built with available resources?
- **Team Capability:** Does your team have the skills to execute?
- **Business Potential:** Is there a viable path to monetization?

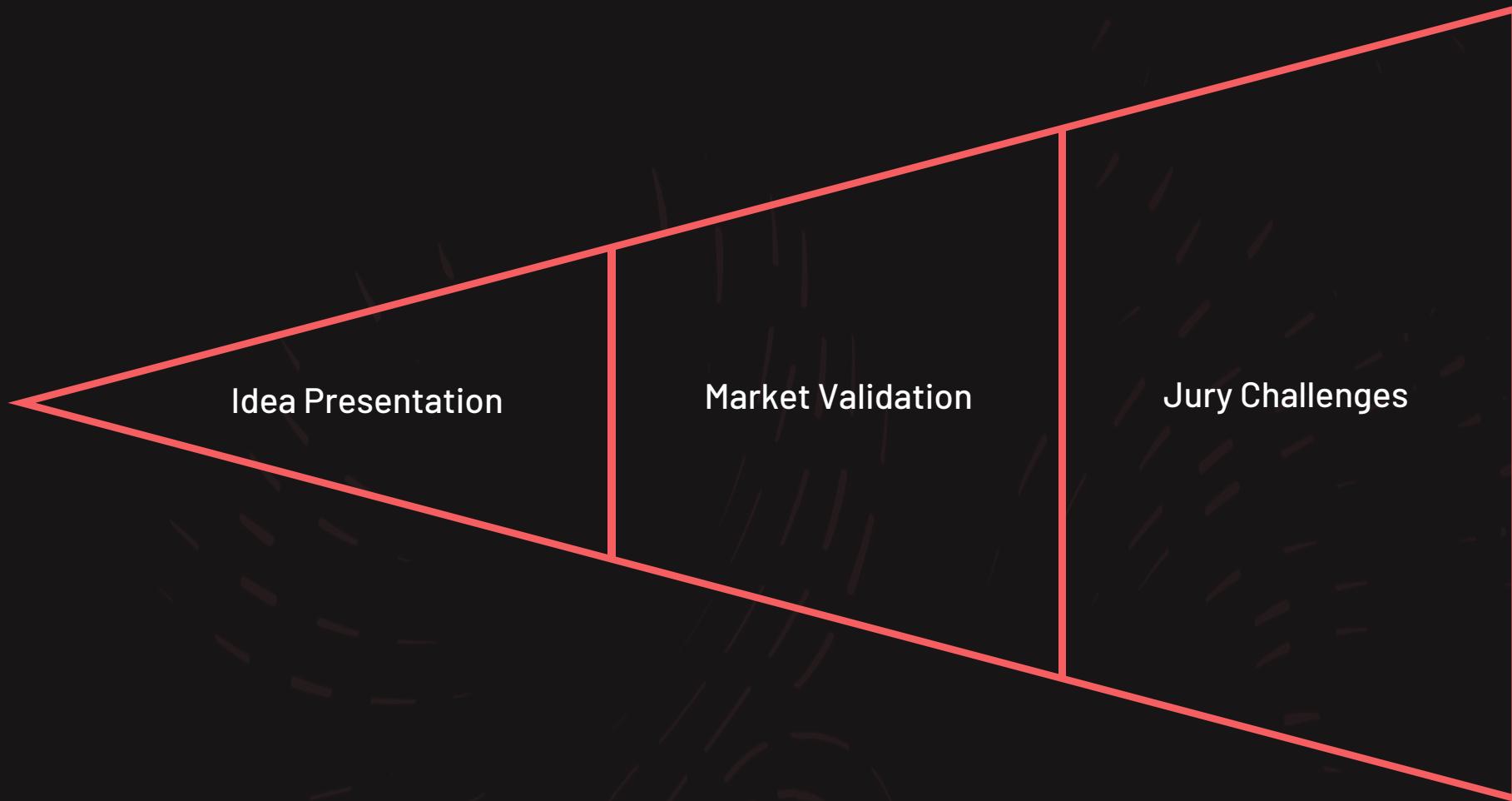
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Total Value

Combined scholarship value for the three winning pitch teams; this round alone distributes more value than most hackathon grand prizes

You'll receive **live feedback** from experienced mentors and jury members who will challenge your assumptions, poke holes in your logic, and push you to think deeper. This isn't criticism; it's compressed learning. In 60 minutes, you'll get feedback that would normally take months of market testing to discover.

Pro Strategy: Watch other teams' pitches closely. Learn from their mistakes, steal their best rhetorical moves, and notice which ideas make judges lean forward with interest. Adapt quickly.

Pitch Q&A & Problem Lock



The Q&A session is where ideas get stress-tested. Judges will challenge every assumption, probe for weaknesses, and force you to defend your thinking under pressure. This is startup reality compressed into 30 minutes.

Assumption Challenges

Judges will question your core assumptions: "Why would customers switch from existing solutions?" "What happens when Google builds this?" "How do you acquire your first 1,000 users?" Be ready with data-backed answers, not hopeful guesses.

Market Validation

Expect deep questions about market size, competition, and go-to-market strategy. "Who exactly is your customer?" isn't a softball4it requires specificity. "College students" isn't an answer. "Second-year engineering students at tier-2 colleges struggling with placement prep" is.

Feasibility Reality Check

Can you actually build this today, or are you pitching science fiction? Judges will assess technical feasibility, resource requirements, and whether your timeline makes sense. Overpromising is worse than being conservative.

Critical Moment

Problem Statement Lock: By the end of this session, your team must finalize the exact problem you're solving. This locked problem statement guides all subsequent development. Choose wisely4you can't pivot later.

Strategic Adjustment Window

Use feedback from this session to refine your approach before building begins. Maybe you need to narrow scope, shift target audience, or completely rethink your solution. Better to adjust now than build the wrong thing fast.

Break The Box: Round 01

Logic & Innovation Under Pressure

Round 01 shifts gears from presentation to execution. "BreakTheBox" is a 90-minute gauntlet of mid-level coding challenges and logic problems designed to test how you think, not just what you know.

Challenge Structure

You'll face a series of progressively difficult problems that require creative problem-solving, efficient algorithms, and strategic thinking. These aren't LeetCode easy problems—they're crafted to reward innovation over memorization.

Focus Areas:

- **Algorithmic Thinking:** Find optimal solutions, not just working ones
- **Code Efficiency:** Both time and space complexity matter
- **Edge Case Handling:** Robust solutions handle weird inputs gracefully
- **Speed vs. Quality:** Balance moving fast with writing clean code

The Real Test

This round reveals who can actually build. It's easy to talk about disruption in a pitch deck—it's harder to write efficient code when the clock is ticking and problems are non-trivial.

Team Dynamics: How does your team divide and conquer? Who takes which problems? How do you communicate when stuck? These soft skills matter as much as technical chops.



Cash Prizes

Top performers earn immediate cash rewards



Internship Offers

Outstanding coders get direct internship opportunities



LPP Discounts

High scorers unlock scholarship discounts for Launchpad Program

Strategic Note: Rewards are distributed based on both individual performance and team collaboration. A genius coder who doesn't help teammates ranks lower than a solid contributor who elevates the entire team.

Lunch Break & Informal Networking



Strategic Refueling

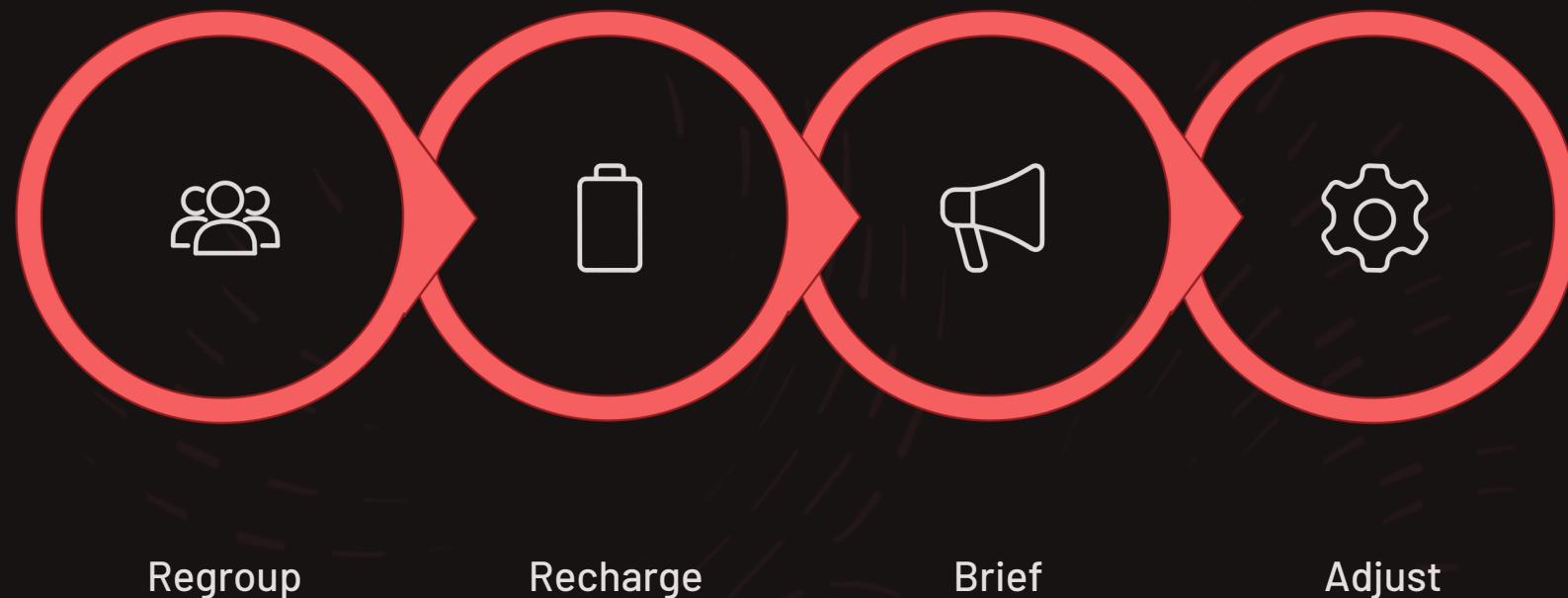
Lunch is self-service⁴ grab food and use these 30 minutes strategically. Sure, you need to eat, but more importantly, you need to **network deliberately**.

Make This Time Count:

- Connect with teams working on complementary problems
- Chat with mentors in informal settings (they're more candid over food)
- Scout the competition⁴ see what others are building
- Discuss learnings from Round 01 with peers
- Rest your brain before the intense afternoon sprint

The best startup ideas often emerge from casual conversations over lunch, not formal brainstorming sessions. Stay present and engaged even during "break time."

Re-Gathering: Energy Reset



A short but critical 15-minute window to reset energy, realign focus, and receive final instructions before the most intense phase of the hackathon begins.

Physical Reset

Everyone returns to their designated workspaces. Stretch, hydrate, and prepare mentally for a 2-hour sprint of intense building. The afternoon session requires sustained focus4prepare accordingly.

Rapid Instructions

Final clarifications on Round 02 requirements, submission formats, and demo expectations. Ask questions now4 there won't be time for confusion during the build phase.

Optional Team Reshuffle

If team dynamics aren't working or someone dropped out, this is your last chance to adjust. Organizers will facilitate any necessary team rebalancing based on skill gaps or interpersonal issues.

- ☐ **Mental Prep:** The next two hours determine your hackathon outcome. Go in with clear roles, realistic scope, and unwavering focus. Eliminate distractions, silence phones, and commit fully to execution mode.

Round 02: INTENSE MODE

Build an App in 2 Hours

This is the crucible. You have 120 minutes to transform your idea into a functional MVP (Minimum Viable Product). Not a slide deck. Not a mockup. A working demonstration of your solution that judges can interact with.

The Build Challenge

Starting from your locked problem statement, you'll progress through ideation, architecture decisions, development, integration, and testing—all compressed into a window that would normally take days or weeks.

Execution Phases:

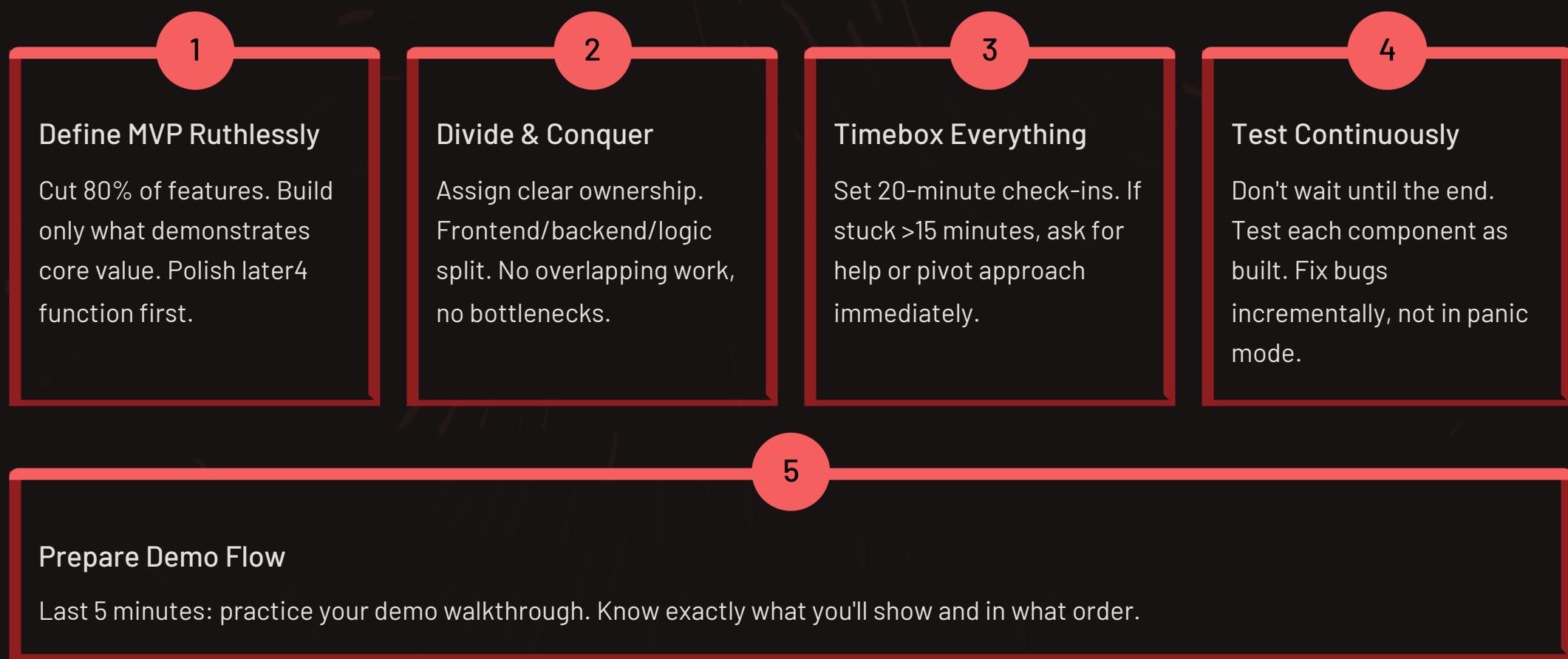
1. **Sprint Planning (10 min):** Break down features, assign tasks, define MVP scope ruthlessly
2. **Core Build (90 min):** Parallel execution of frontend, backend, integrations happening simultaneously
3. **Integration & Testing (15 min):** Make different components work together, fix critical bugs
4. **Demo Prep (5 min):** Prepare presentation flow, ensure stable demo environment

Reality Check

You *will* encounter problems. Code won't work. APIs will fail. Team members will disagree. This is intentional for startups: problem-solving under constraints and pressure.

Critical Skills Tested:

- Prioritization: What must ship vs. what's nice-to-have?
- Collaboration: How effectively does your team communicate?
- Adaptability: Can you pivot when your approach isn't working?
- Technical execution: Can you actually build, or just talk about building?



This round separates builders from talkers. Ideas are cheap; execution is everything. The teams that win aren't necessarily the most technically skilled; they're the ones who scope intelligently, collaborate effectively, and ship working products under pressure.

Jury Evaluation Criteria

Understanding what judges look for is half the battle. Every evaluation follows a structured rubric designed to identify solutions with real-world viability, not just impressive tech demos.

Problem Clarity

20% Weight

Can you articulate exactly what problem you're solving and for whom? Vague problems get vague scores. Specificity matters: "Students struggle with placement prep" is weak. "Second-year engineering students at tier-2 colleges lack structured interview preparation and fail 80% of technical screening rounds" is strong.

Solution Feasibility

25% Weight

Is your solution technically viable and achievable with available resources? Judges evaluate whether you've built something real or just cobbled together a facade. Working demos beat perfect mockups every time.

Business Model Thinking

15% Weight

How will this make money? Who pays, how much, and why? "We'll figure out monetization later" is a red flag. Even early-stage ideas need plausible revenue logic. Judges want evidence you understand business fundamentals, not just code.

Innovation & AI Integration

20% Weight

What's novel about your approach? How are you leveraging AI/ML in ways that create real value, not just buzzword compliance? Judges can spot "AI washing" using AI for the sake of using AI rather than solving problems better.

Team Dynamics

20% Weight

How well does your team work together? During demos, judges observe: Who speaks? How do members hand off to each other? Do they complement or compete? Strong teams show division of labor, mutual respect, and collaborative energy.

The Intangibles

Beyond the rubric, judges notice passion, resilience, and how you handle questions. Teams that admit uncertainty but show strong reasoning often outscore teams that fake confidence with weak logic.

Demo Presentation Matters

A great product with poor presentation loses to a good product presented excellently. Practice your walkthrough. Know your talking points. Handle failures gracefully if demos break and explain what would happen and why.

Winner Announcement

Top 05 Teams Recognized

After hours of pitching, building, and demonstrating, the moment of truth arrives. Judges deliberate and announce the top 5 teams based on comprehensive evaluation across all criteria.

₹25K

First Place

Grand prize for the winning team plus 30% LPP scholarship discount

₹15K

Second Place

Runner-up prize plus 30% LPP scholarship discount

₹5K

Third Place

Recognition prize plus 30% LPP scholarship discount

₹45K

Total Cash Prizes

Combined monetary rewards distributed to top three teams

1st Place

₹25,000 + 30% OFF LPP

The winning team demonstrates exceptional execution across all judging criteria for problem clarity, feasible solution, business thinking, innovation, and team synergy.

2nd Place

₹15,000 + 30% OFF LPP

Runner-up team showed outstanding potential with strong technical execution and clear market understanding.

3rd Place

₹5,000 + 30% OFF LPP

Third place team delivered solid work with notable strengths in specific areas of evaluation.

4th Place

30% OFF LPP

Recognition for excellent work with scholarship benefits to continue development journey.

5th Place

25% OFF LPP

Top 5 recognition with meaningful scholarship discount for continued learning.

- **MVP Awards (2 Teams):** In addition to top 5, judges recognize two teams for "Most Valuable Player" contributions or teams who demonstrated exceptional collaboration, technical skill, or innovative thinking even if final product didn't place top 5.

Remember: placement isn't everything. The connections made, skills developed, and confidence gained matter more than rankings. Every participant leaves with more than they came with.

Quiz & Logic Games



Rapid-Fire Knowledge Challenge

Shift gears from intensive building to fast-paced mental agility. This hour-long quiz session tests breadth of knowledge across AI, business fundamentals, aptitude, and startup culture through rapid-fire questions and logic puzzles.

Categories Covered:

- **AI & Machine Learning:** Concepts, applications, trends, ethical considerations
- **Business & Startups:** Funding stages, business models, market dynamics, founder stories
- **Logical Reasoning:** Pattern recognition, problem-solving, analytical thinking
- **Tech Aptitude:** Programming concepts, system design basics, technology trends
- **General Awareness:** Current events in tech, major startup exits, industry shifts

Questions range from straightforward recall to complex reasoning problems that require connecting disparate concepts. Speed matters, but accuracy matters more—wrong answers may carry penalties.



Premium Bags

High-quality backpacks and totes for top quiz performers



Exclusive T-Shirts

Limited edition Bristletech Launchpad apparel



Books & Resources

Curated reading materials on startups, AI, and entrepreneurship

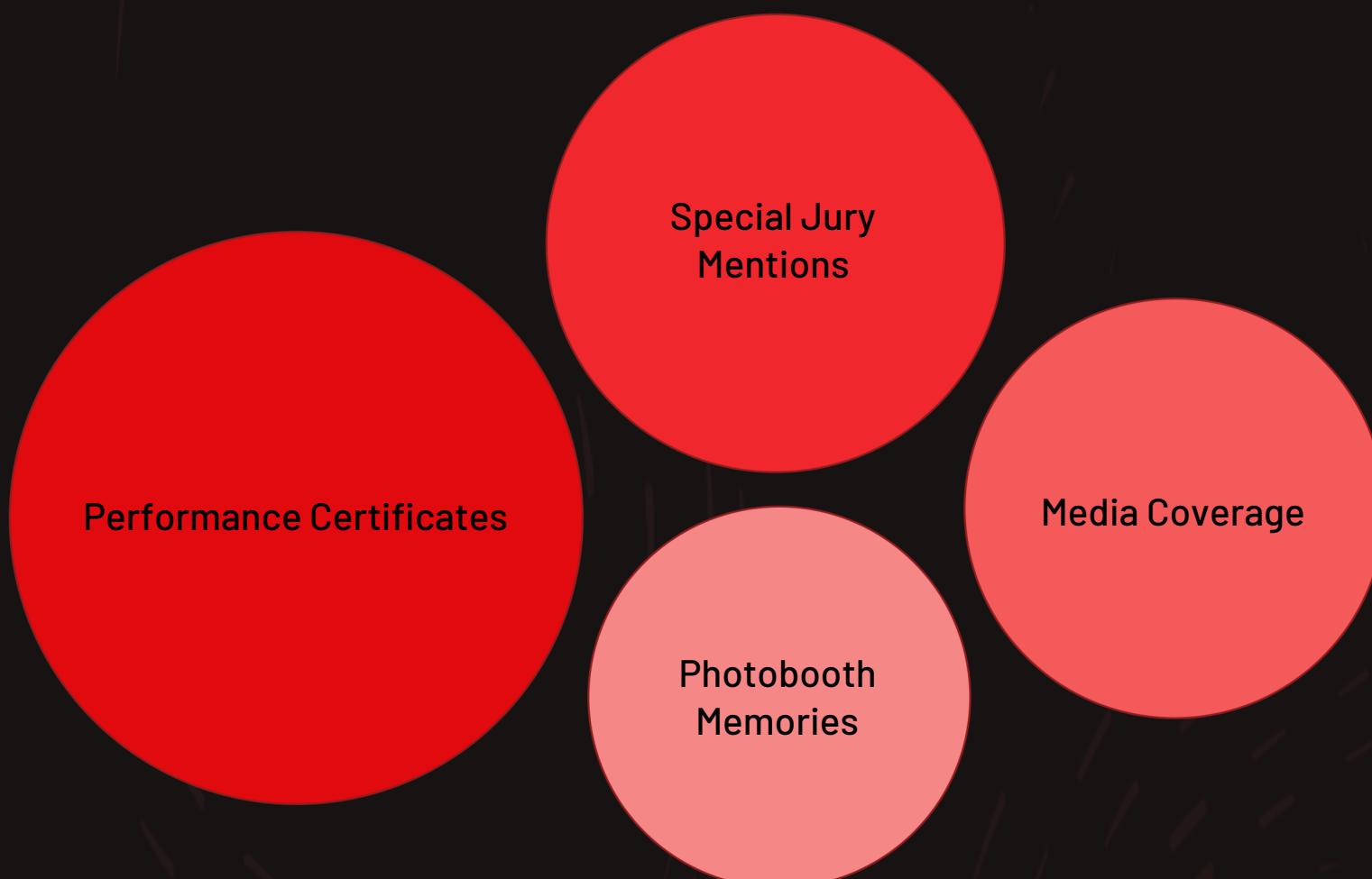


Wallets & Accessories

Quality everyday items for quiz winners

Social Media Spotlight: Top performers get featured across Bristletech's social channels, LinkedIn, and community platforms. This isn't just about physical prizes—it's about building your personal brand and demonstrating expertise publicly. The quiz serves a dual purpose: it keeps energy high after the intense build session while giving everyone (not just top 5 teams) a chance to win recognition and prizes based on knowledge and quick thinking.

Certificates & Gift Distribution



Every participant receives formal recognition for their contribution to the hackathon. Certificates aren't just paper—they're credentials you can showcase on LinkedIn, resumes, and portfolios demonstrating practical experience in startup building and competitive tech environments.

Certificate Categories

- **Participation Certificates:** All registered participants receive official certificates acknowledging completion of the full-day hackathon
- **Winner Certificates:** Top 5 teams receive special recognition certificates noting placement and award details
- **MVP Recognition:** Most Valuable Player awardees get distinctive certificates highlighting specific contributions
- **Special Jury Mentions:** Outstanding work in specific categories (Best UI/UX, Most Innovative AI Use, Best Business Model, etc.)

Gift Distribution

Winners and special recognition recipients collect their earned prizes and goodies. This includes cash prizes, merchandise, book prizes, and exclusive Bristletech swag.



Media Coverage

Official event photography and videography capture winner announcements and key moments. These assets are shared across social platforms—tag yourself, share widely, and build your founder brand.

Photobooth Finale

Grab team photos with your awards, certificates, and props. These images become part of your entrepreneurial story—use them in LinkedIn posts, portfolio websites, and future pitch decks.

- ☐ **LinkedIn Strategy:** Post your participation immediately with photos, learnings, and gratitude. Tag Bristletech, your teammates, and mentors. This content signals to recruiters and investors that you're actively building and learning—exactly what they want to see.

Open AI Truth Session

Real AI vs. Fake AI

After a day of building with technology, it's time for unfiltered truth about the AI landscape. This isn't marketing hype or buzzword bingo—it's an honest discussion about what AI can and can't do, where the opportunities really are, and how students can build legitimate AI careers.

Real AI

What Actually Works Today:

- Natural language processing for real business problems
- Computer vision applications in production
- Recommendation systems driving actual revenue
- Predictive models with measurable ROI
- Automation of repetitive cognitive tasks

These applications are deployed at scale, generating value, and creating job opportunities right now.

Fake AI (AI Washing)

Red Flags to Watch For:

- Companies claiming "AI" for basic automation or rules
- Solutions searching for problems to justify AI use
- Impossible promises (AGI, human-level understanding)
- Black box systems with zero explainability
- Startups that could function without ML but claim otherwise

Learn to spot companies using AI as marketing rather than genuine technology innovation.

AI Career Paths for Students

Concrete guidance on building AI careers without a PhD:

1. **Applied ML Engineer:** Build and deploy models solving real problems for highest demand, accessible with strong programming skills
2. **AI Product Manager:** Bridge business and technical teams for understanding AI capabilities deeply but focus on product strategy
3. **Data Scientist:** Extract insights, build models, communicate findings for needs statistics and storytelling
4. **AI Ethics & Policy:** Emerging field focused on responsible AI development and governance
5. **Specialized Roles:** NLP engineer, Computer Vision specialist, MLOps engineer

Startup + AI Monetization

How to actually make money with AI:

- **Vertical AI Solutions:** Solve specific industry problems (legal research, medical diagnosis, financial analysis) using AI as an enabler
- **AI-First Products:** Build products impossible without AI where the technology IS the moat
- **AI Services:** Consulting and implementation for companies lacking in-house AI talent
- **Data Products:** Create proprietary datasets or data tools that improve over time

Key Insight: Don't build "an AI startup" for a startup that uses AI to solve problems customers will pay to solve better.

This session cuts through the hype to give you actionable intelligence on navigating the AI landscape as a student and aspiring entrepreneur. You'll leave understanding where real opportunities exist versus where noise dominates.

Open Debate: Entrepreneur vs. C-Level

Founder Mindset vs. Corporate Mindset

One of the most engaging sessions of the day: a structured debate exploring fundamentally different approaches to career building, risk, and success. Two teams argue opposing philosophies while the audience votes on the most compelling arguments.

Team Entrepreneur

Core Arguments:

- **Ownership & Equity:** Build wealth through equity, not salary4 long-term upside potential
- **Autonomy & Control:** Make your own decisions, set your own vision, control your destiny
- **Learning Velocity:** Compressed learning curve4 wear multiple hats, learn faster than any corporate role
- **Impact Scale:** Potential to impact millions if successful, not just incremental improvements
- **No Glass Ceiling:** Your ceiling is your capability and market size, not corporate hierarchy

Team C-Level

Core Arguments:

- **Stability & Security:** Predictable income, benefits, career progression without existential risk
- **Resources & Scale:** Access to established infrastructure, budgets, teams, and distribution
- **Learning from Best:** Work with experienced leaders, established processes, proven systems
- **Work-Life Balance:** Defined hours, vacation time, separation between work and personal life
- **Lower Risk Profile:** 90% of startups fail; corporate roles provide security while building expertise

The debate format includes opening statements, rebuttals, cross-examination, and closing arguments. Moderators ensure both sides get equal time and prevent debates from becoming personal attacks4this is about ideas, not individuals.



Opening Statements

Each team presents their core philosophy and primary arguments (5 minutes per side)



Cross-Examination

Teams challenge opposing viewpoints with tough questions and real-world scenarios (10 minutes)



Audience Q&A

Participants ask questions forcing teams to defend positions from multiple angles (10 minutes)



Live Voting

Audience votes on most compelling arguments4winning side determined by persuasion, not just correctness (5 minutes)

The Real Lesson: Both paths are valid. The debate isn't about declaring one superior4it's about understanding trade-offs, recognizing your own risk tolerance, and making informed decisions about your career trajectory. Some people thrive as entrepreneurs; others excel in corporate environments. Know yourself.

Launchpad Program Early Access

Limited LPP Seats Open

The Launchpad Program (LPP) is BristleTech's flagship startup accelerator and career development program designed to transform students into founders or high-performing professionals in the tech ecosystem.

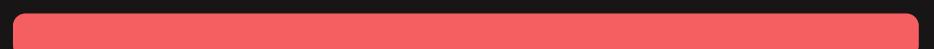
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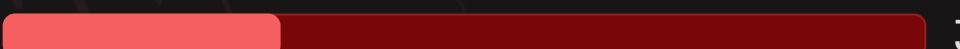
- **12-Week Intensive Curriculum:** Startup methodology, technical deep-dives, business fundamentals, AI/ML applications
- **1-on-1 Mentorship:** Paired with experienced founders and industry leaders who provide personalized guidance
- **Build Real Products:** Go from idea to MVP to market with hands-on project work
- **Investor Network Access:** Direct introductions to VCs, angels, and funding opportunities
- **Career Placement Support:** Interview prep, resume optimization, direct referrals to hiring companies
- **Lifetime Community:** Join an alumni network of builders, founders, and operators



Scholarship Opportunities Available Tonight

Based on hackathon performance, limited scholarship seats are available with immediate confirmation for qualified participants. This is your chance to lock in enrollment with substantial discounts.

 100%

 30%

Top 3 Pitchers

Full scholarship (\$200,000 value) already awarded during pitch round

Top 4 Winners

30% discount on full program tuition for 1st-4th place teams

 25%

 15%

5th Place

25% discount on full program tuition

All Participants

Hackathon completion earns 15% discount for anyone enrolling tonight

Program spots are limited to maintain quality of instruction and mentor bandwidth. **Tonight's early access window offers the best terms available** for scholarships may not be available at this level again.

- **Career + Startup Dual Track:** LPP isn't just for aspiring founders. Many participants use the program to level up technical skills, build impressive projects for portfolios, and land high-paying roles at startups and tech companies. Choose your path during the program.

Closing Ceremony & Next Steps

As the hackathon concludes, take a moment to reflect on what you've accomplished in just 12 hours: pitched ideas, built products, solved complex problems, competed under pressure, and connected within an ambitious community of builders.

Participation Certificates

All participants receive official certificates⁴ downloadables digital versions provided immediately, physical versions mailed within 2 weeks

Feedback Collection

Share your experience through exit surveys⁴ your input shapes future events and helps improve the Bristletech ecosystem

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Next-Step Guidance

Personalized recommendations based on your performance: continue building your hackathon project, apply to LPP, join specific community channels, or explore internship opportunities

Community Onboarding

Join Discord, Telegram, and LinkedIn groups where the learning and collaboration continue beyond today

What Happens Next?

- **Project Continuation:** Many hackathon projects become real startups⁴ we provide resources to help you keep building
- **LPP Enrollment:** Scholarship offers valid for 7 days⁴ claim your spot before they're filled
- **Mentorship Matching:** Request ongoing guidance from mentors you connected with today
- **Job Board Access:** Exclusive opportunities from Bristletech partner companies hiring for internships and full-time roles
- **Future Events:** Priority registration for upcoming Bristletech events, workshops, and competitions

The Real Prize

You didn't just attend a hackathon. You joined a community of builders who believe in creating rather than consuming, in starting rather than waiting, in building rather than talking. The connections you made, the skills you developed, and the confidence you gained⁴ that's what matters most. Carry that forward.

Call to Action: Don't let momentum die. Pick one concrete action to take within 24 hours: reach out to a mentor, refine your pitch, improve your MVP, apply to LPP, or post your learnings on LinkedIn. Motion creates more motion.

Thank you for bringing energy, curiosity, and ambition to Bristletech Launchpad's Zero to One Hackathon. This is just the beginning.

Participant Value Stack

\$1,499 = Massive ROI

Let's be clear about what you accessed for a \$1,499 registration fee. This wasn't just an event—it was an investment with exponential potential return.

\$16L+

Scholarship Potential

Total scholarship value available (\$12L each for top 3 pitchers)

\$145K

Cash Prizes

Direct monetary rewards for top performers across multiple rounds

12hrs

Intensive Learning

Compressed startup education equivalent to weeks of traditional learning



Official Certificates

Recognized credentials demonstrating practical startup and technical experience valuable for resumes, LinkedIn, and portfolios



Startup & AI Exposure

Hands-on experience with startup methodology, AI integration, and product development from ideation through MVP



Goodies & Merchandise

Premium bags, exclusive t-shirts, books, wallets, and Bristletech swag for participants and winners



Social Media Promotion

Feature coverage across Bristletech platforms, LinkedIn spotlights, and community channels to build your personal brand



Mentor & Founder Access

Direct interaction with experienced entrepreneurs, investors, and industry leaders networking that normally requires years to build



Priority LPP Entry

Early access to Launchpad Program enrollment with exclusive scholarship discounts not available to general applicants



Internship Opportunities

Direct pathways to internships and job opportunities at Bristletech partner companies based on demonstrated skills



Lifetime Community

Join a network of ambitious builders, founders, and operators who support each other's growth and success

Intangible Value

Beyond the monetary and material rewards, consider what you gained that can't be quantified:

- Confidence from building under pressure
- Pattern recognition for what good ideas look like
- Experience pitching to critical audiences
- Understanding of your own strengths and gaps
- Friendships with like-minded builders
- Clarity on whether entrepreneurship suits you
- Stories and experiences that differentiate you

ROI Calculation

Investment: \$1,499 + 12 hours of your time

Minimum Return: Certificate, learning, network, experience, LPP access, internship offers, founder journey, launch

Maximum Return: \$100k+ scholarship, \$50k cash prize, value of participating far exceeds the entry cost. This is asymmetric upside/downside, unlimited upside potential.

Whether you won prizes or not, whether you placed top 5 or not, you invested in yourself. You showed up, built something, competed, learned, and connected. That investment compounds over time.

The real question isn't "Was \$1,499 worth it?" The real question is: "What will you build next?"