

Rules and Regulations – Manipal BioTech Hackathon 2024

Manipal-GoK Bioincubator-BioNEST and its **Student Entrepreneurship Cell** in association with **Manipal School of Life Sciences (MSLS), Department Biotechnology (MIT, Manipal)** and **Manipal Centre for Biotherapeutics Research (MCBR)** are organizing a virtual **Manipal BioTech Hackathon 2024**. This contest is for all the enrolled students and researchers pursuing UG / PG/ Doctoral Studies in any Academic or Research Institution. BioTech Hackathon is focused on identifying and solving critical problems from the Biotechnology domain. The primary aim of this Hackathon is to encourage student-led innovations, foster the creation of start-ups and cultivate critical thinking skills essential to address the most pressing needs in the Biotechnology domain. This Hackathon will help polish the skills of students who are interested in solving real-world problems and possess entrepreneurial zeal.

ELIGIBILITY

- a) Participants must be affiliated with an academic Institution as a Student/Researcher and can be pursuing UG/PG/Doctoral studies (Note: Preferably one student from a Biotechnology background in the team).
- b) Manipal GoK-Bioincubator's staff and relatives are not eligible to participate in the Hackathon. They may, however, assist teams as mentors during the development phase.

TEAM

- a) Teams can consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of five members. Each team can also include a minimum of one mentor and the presence of a mentor is not compulsory.
- b) Ideal team combination for best results would be multi-disciplinary and can be from multiple institutions.
- c) Changes to team members are not permitted after **October 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- d) The team members need not be from the same institution.
- e) Students looking for team members can roll in under the **TEAMMATES LOOKOUT** option: <https://tinyurl.com/2wxbdb33> and can connect with other participants who have registered under the same section. The organizers will only assist by publishing the data of the innovator on the webpage so that other solo participants can connect.

- f) All the participants who submitted the final proposal and business plan will receive the certificate of recognition and the mentor/mentors will not receive any certificate.
- g) A team can submit only one entry for the hackathon. Participation at the hackathon is subjected on a “per-team” basis meaning you are not allowed to be in more than one team at the event.
- h) The registration fee will be **INR 1000 per team**, irrespective of the team size.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All materials submitted in connection with the Hackathon must be in English or, if not in English, the participants must provide an English translation of the demonstration video, text description, testing instructions, and all other materials submitted.

GENERAL

- a) The registration fees for the team will be **INR 1000** and participants can register for the Manipal BioTech Hackathon 2024 using this link <https://tinyurl.com/bpas7j4u>
- b) Individual participants looking for a team can register by using this link <https://tinyurl.com/2wxbdb33>. Minimal details like Name, Area of Expertise and email ID will be collected and displayed on our page so that you can connect/other participants can connect with you. Kindly note filling in this Google form is not related to registration for the Hackathon. This is just provided to enhance team-building skills and to enhance networking. Participants will still need to fill out the Google form for team registration and complete the payment of the registration fee to complete their registration for the Hackathon.
- c) The registration for the Hackathon is only complete after the participating team fills out this Google form <https://tinyurl.com/bpas7j4u> and completes the payment of the registration fee.
- d) The participants are expected to reach the Proof of Principle or Technology Readiness Level 2 (TRL 2) of the planned concept.
- e) Name of the team and name of the teammates must be specified as per College IDs or institution records.
- f) The registered team can choose any problem statement of their choice related to the BioTech domain.
- g) The fees will not be returned under any circumstance after registering for the event.

- h) The final round will consist of a 7-minute presentation round (Duration:6min +1min for warping) along with 7 min for Q&A. The jury will be a closed group of members.
- i) Informative talks by renowned speakers will commence on **October 22nd 2024, at 9.15 a.m.** which will give a clear understanding as to how to take the product to the market which will be free for the registered participants.
- j) The events and final presentation of the Hackathon will be conducted on **MS Teams**.
- k) The decision of the Organizers on all matters relating to the Hackathon, including the eligibility of participants and the selection of the winners, is final and no correspondence will be entertained.
- l) The organizers reserve the right to amend these Conditions of Participation at any time at its absolute discretion without any further notice, including but not limited to the eligibility terms and criteria, the selection of winners, the timing of any act to be done and all participants to this Hackathon shall be bound by these amendments.
- m) The terms and conditions of the Hackathon Rules are subject to change at any time, including the rights or obligations of the Maker/Participants, and the Organizer will post the terms and conditions of the amended Official Rules on the Hackathon page. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any amendment will become effective at the time specified in the posting of the amended Official Rules or, if no time is specified, the time of posting.
- n) If at any time before the deadline, a Maker/Participant or prospective Maker/Participant believes that any Official Rule is or may be unclear or ambiguous, they must submit a written request for clarification.
- o) Ensure that you/your team have obtained all consents, approvals, or licenses required for you to submit your entry and that your entry will not violate anyone else's rights or the law (if applicable).
- p) The final decision on the number of winners eligible for Prize money will be decided by the Organizers.
- q) For any kind of mentoring related to the Hackathon the participants can email the details to bioincubator@manipal.edu or bm.bioincubator@manipal.edu or manipal.gokbioincubator@gmail.com

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Your Submission and all components thereof must:

- a) Be your (or your Team's) original work product.
- b) Be solely owned by you or your Team with no other person or entity having any right or interest in it; and
- c) Not violate the intellectual property rights or other rights, including but not limited to copyright, trademark, patent, contract, and/or privacy rights, of any other person or entity.
- d) A Maker/Participant may contract with a third party for technical assistance to create the submission, provided the submission components are solely the Maker's/Participant's work product and the result of the maker's/participant's ideas and creativity, and the Maker/Participant's owns all rights to them.
- e) By entering the Hackathon, you represent, warrant, and agree that your submission meets these requirements and Hackathon Administration will be not obliged to answer or legally bound for such instances.
- f) The innovation done by the registered team will be safe utmost confidentiality will be upheld by the organizers.
- g) As the jury will be a closed group no project details will be in any of the open platforms and your IPs will be secure.

SUBMISSION

- a) The teams will be given a Proposal Template via email after registration on **October 22nd 2024** and are supposed to submit the filled Proposal via mail to bioincubator@manipal.edu by **November 1st 2024 by 6:00 p.m.** to compete. Any delay in submission will not be considered.
- b) Incomplete or indecipherable entries will be deemed invalid and disqualified.
- c) The content of your entry and any supporting materials must be acceptable to all viewing audiences. We will automatically disqualify any participant or team that submits an entry or supporting materials that contain data, code, text, sound or images that we, in our sole opinion and for any reason, believe to be malicious, illegal, vulgar, offensive, or inappropriate for public viewing, or that is presented in a negative light.
- d) By submitting an entry in this Hackathon, you represent: that you, your team and the entry submitted comply with these Official Rules; That the entirety of the entry is your/your team's original work; That the demo submitted is solely the work of you or your team.

THE JURY

- a) Eligible Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of Jury selected by the Organizer. The Jury may be employees of the administrator or external, may or may not be listed individually on the Hackathon Page, and may change before or during the Judging Period. Judging may take place in one or more rounds with one or more panels of Jury, at the discretion of the Organizer.
- b) All expenses or costs associated with the acceptance or use of the prize or any component of the prize are the responsibility of the winner. The prize is awarded “as is” and without any warranty.
- c) You will be bound by and comply with these Official Rules and the decisions of the Administrator, and/or the Hackathon Jury which are binding and final in all matters relating to the Hackathon.

PRIZE

- a) The top selected teams will receive an entry for the 6-month structured Pre-Incubation program and offered mentoring programs by Manipal-GoK Bioincubator.**
- b) Prizes: 1st Prize: INR 50,000; 2nd Prize: INR 25,000 and 3rd Prize: INR 15,000.**
- c) Certificates will be provided to all the participants from Manipal GoK Bioincubator followed by mementos for the winning team (one per team).**
- d) Manipal-GoK Bioincubator will support the candidates with respect to refining the idea and provide insights on proposal writing to apply for NIDHI-EIR funds from MUTBI Society for Prototyping i.e. up to INR 3.6 lakhs per team to be won from Manipal-GoK Bioincubator.**

VERIFICATION OF POTENTIAL WINNERS

THE AWARD OF A PRIZE TO A POTENTIAL WINNER IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY, QUALIFICATIONS, AND ROLE OF THE POTENTIAL WINNER IN THE CREATION OF THE SUBMISSION.

The final decision to designate a winner shall be made by the Organizer.

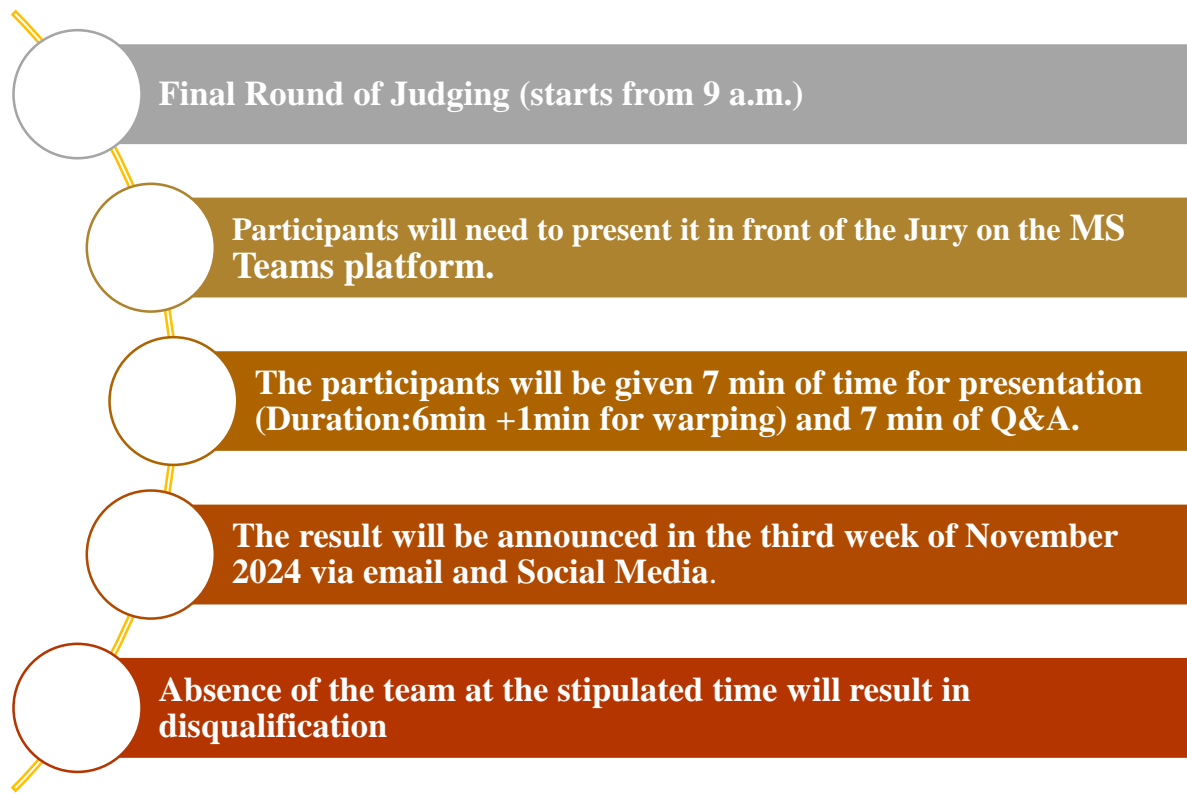
TIMELINE OF THE HACKATHON

- **October 1st 2024 - 01:00 p.m. Registration Opens**
- **October 20th 2024 - 6:00 p.m. Registration Closes**
- **October 22nd 2024 - ‘Euphoria 9.0’**



- **October 22nd, 2024 - 01.00 p.m. - Hackathon starts**
- **November 1st, 2024 - Deadline for submission of Proposal for Hackathon**
Submission of the Proposal needed to be done by **November 1st 2024 06:00 p.m.**

▪ **November 6th, 2024 – 9.00 a.m. - Grand Finale**



PRIVACY

By participating in the Hackathon you consent to the use of personal information about you, if you are a winner, by the Poster, Administrator, and third parties acting on their behalf. Such personal information includes but is not limited to, your name, likeness, photograph, voice, opinions, comments, hometown and country of residence. It may be used in any existing or newly created media, worldwide without further payment or consideration or right of review, unless prohibited by law. Organizers can use includes advertising and promotional purposes. The duration of your consent is for a period of one year following the conclusion of the Hackathon. This consent applies, as applicable, to all members of a Maker's Team that participated in the winning submission.

ATTENDEE CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) All participants are expected to abide by the rules and regulations.
- b) The participants are not allowed to share the problem statements.

- c) Our hackathon is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, previous hackathon attendance or computing experience (or lack of any of the aforementioned). We discourage harassment of hackathon participants in any form. Sexual language and imagery are not appropriate for any events, including hacks, talks, social media or any other online media.
- d) If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of hackathon organizers immediately. The organizers will be happy to help participants contact any local law enforcement, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the hackathon.

We expect all participants to comply with this Code of Conduct. If a participant engages in any behaviour that violates the above Code of Conduct, please notify one of the event ambassadors. Participants asked to stop any of the above behaviours are expected to comply immediately. Any participant violating any part of the Code of Conduct may be sanctioned or expelled from the competition and may face police involvement in extreme circumstances.

By registering in the Hackathon you are agreeing to all the Terms and Conditions and are willing to maintain the code of conduct laid down by the organizers of Manipal BioTech Hackathon 2023.

For more queries, write us to

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Or Call:

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Related Links:

Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/bpas7j4u>

Team Lookout Form: <https://tinyurl.com/2wxbdb33>