

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Lab of the Future Hackathon 2026

These terms and conditions (**Terms**) apply to the Institute of Chemical Biology Lab of the Future Hackathon (**Hackathon**). By entering the Hackathon, you agree to be bound by the following Terms and any other applicable instructions notified to you by us. Details specific to the Hackathon are displayed on our website: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/chemical-biology/cdt/lab-of-the-future/>

1. The Hackathon

- 1.1. The Hackathon will be run by the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, acting through the Institute of Chemical Biology, of Imperial College London, South Kensington Campus, London SW2 7AZ.
- 1.2. The Hackathon is open to all Imperial graduates undertaking Masters, PhD or PDRA positions based in the UK at the Date of Launch (**Entrants**) for a chance to win up to £3,000 (GBP) in prize money.
- 1.3. The Hackathon will run from 13th July (**Date of Launch**) to the Grand Final on the 25th November (inclusive).
- 1.4. Teams are expected to spend up to £500 on their idea, supplied by the ICB CDT in exchange for detail on the expenses.

2. Entry

- 2.1. Entrants must register their teams by Monday 21st September (**Closing Date**). Entrants are required to select **one** team member to submit the proposal on behalf of the entire team. Each participating team member must include their **name and primary email address** in the application.
- 2.2. All Hackathon entries received after midnight on the **Closing Date** are automatically disqualified, unless otherwise specified in writing.
- 2.3. We will not accept responsibility for Hackathon entries that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in entry or submission, regardless of cause, including, for example, as a result of any equipment failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, computer hardware or software failure of any kind.
- 2.4. By submitting a Hackathon entry, Entrants are agreeing to be bound by these Terms. It is their responsibility to ensure that their entry complies with any relevant data protection and intellectual property requirements and that they agree to the submission of their contribution to this Hackathon and for the wider and further promotional activities proposed for winners detailed below.
- 2.5. Entries must be made in accordance with the entry instructions and requirements on our web pages <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/chemical-biology/cdt/lab-of-the-future/>.
- 2.6. By entering the Competition, you are agreeing to be contacted by us (using the contact details you have provided us with) for details about the training, mentoring and the final on November 25th. If teams do not turn up to the live final on the 25th November then they recall their right to the prize money.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. Entrants must be registered in Masters, PhD or PDRA positions at Imperial University. Only residents of Great Britain are eligible to take part in the Competition.
- 3.2. If multiple entries are submitted by a team, only one entry of our choosing will be eligible at the final, unless we explicitly agree (at our sole discretion) otherwise in writing.

- 3.3. In entering the Competition, each Entrant confirms that they are eligible to do so and that that all information submitted by you is true, current and complete. We reserve all rights to disqualify an Entrant if information submitted is found to be fraudulent, generated by AI or incorrectly completed, or their conduct is contrary to the spirit or intention of the Hackathon.

4. Prizes

- 4.1. Winners will be chosen by The Institute of Chemical Biology Team. The decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 4.2. The prize(s) will be up to £,3000 (GBP) for the winners with a runners up prize available.
- 4.3. By entering this Hackathon, you hereby agree to our use of any and all intellectual property right in your submission solely for purposes required to give effect to the prize in accordance with these Terms. We also reserve the right to exclude any submissions that cannot be adapted suitably.
- 4.4. Imperial does not claim any of the intellectual property rights generated during the Hackathon. Teams are liable for their own intellectual property during the Hackathon, particularly when presenting live at the final.

5. Limitation of liability and indemnity

- 5.1. Insofar as is permitted by law, we will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate any Entrant or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of entering the Hackathon or taking up the prize except where it is caused by our own negligence. Your statutory rights are not affected.
- 5.2. You agree to fully indemnify and hold us harmless against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including reasonable legal fees) arising out of or in connection with any alleged or actual infringement of intellectual property rights by your submission, including but not limited to our use, reproduction, or display of the artwork as part of the Hackathon or associated promotional activities.

6. Data protection and publicity

- 6.1. Any personal data relating to the winners, or any other Entrants will be used solely in accordance with current UK data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to any third parties without the Entrant's prior consent. Imperial College London's privacy policy shall apply to any data collected in connection with this competition and can be found online at: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/marketing-recruitment-admissions/data-privacy-policies/recruitment-marketing-data-privacy/>.
- 6.2. By entering this Hackathon, you agree to our use of your name and image in relation to the Hackathon and the promotion, including but not limited to use of your name and image on our website and in the media, in materials produced by or on behalf of Imperial, and partnering press should you win. Imperial will retain the right to any media and materials produced.
- 6.3. When requested, participants will provide appropriate information about their project for publicity purposes, and bear the responsibility of ensuring their intellectual property is protected in these instances.
- 6.4. Hackathon participants commit to referencing their participation in the Hackathon in pitches, presentations/talks or online communication referencing their venture. For example, on their LinkedIn, website, pitch decks.

7. General

- 7.1. If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of these Terms, we may, at our sole discretion, exclude Entrants from participating in the Competition. We also reserve the right to hold

void, suspend, cancel, or amend the prize or the Competition where it becomes necessary to do so (including in cases of alleged student misconduct).

- 7.2. Unless otherwise specified in writing, in the event that you are required to travel to take part in the Competition, you are responsible for making your own arrangements.
- 7.3. These Terms shall be governed by English Law and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.