



# INNOVATORS' GUIDE BOOK

## INTRODUCTION

hackX Jr. 8.0 is an inter-school hackathon organized by the Industrial Management Science Students' Association of the Department of Industrial Management, University of Kelaniya partnering with the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Backed by the theme "Give Shapes to Ideas", hackX Jr. proudly presents its 8th exultant iteration this year. The event mainly focuses on providing a suitable platform for the bright, young minds of school children to transform their ideas into reality. By bridging the gap between industries and the young innovators of tomorrow, hackX Jr. strives to spark creativity and innovation among school children, and empowers them to explore tech-based entrepreneurship by giving them a chance to showcase their potential and talents.





# COMPETITION SPECIFICATIONS

- Students from grade 9 to A/L (2025 A/L students) can participate with a maximum of 5 members per team, representing the same school. (The minimum number of members for a team is 1)
- Every group/individual can assign a teacher-in-charge when registering for the competition but it is not a must.
- No participant is allowed to represent two groups. The inclusion of the same member in two different teams will lead to the automatic disqualification of both groups.
- More than one team can participate from a single school.
- One team can submit more than one proposal but only one will be selected for the competition.
- The idea must be novel and feasible.



Receive continuous mentoring support throughout and after the event.



Opportunity to meet industry experts and university lecturers.



Ideas can be pitched in Sinhala and English.





# PHASES

## 1

### **AWARENESS SESSION**

**13th August 2025**

**@University of Kelaniya**

An awareness session will be held on 13th August 2025 at the Department of Industrial Management, University of Kelaniya, aimed at fostering the entrepreneurial mindset of school students.

The session will provide insights into the hackathon, idea development, relevant technical tools, and proposal preparation, guided by industry professionals and academic experts. Participation is open to all interested students and is encouraged, though not mandatory for hackathon applicants.

## 2

### **SEMI-FINALS "InnoX"**

**27th September 2025**

**@University of Kelaniya**

Shortlisted teams will advance to the semi-final on 27th September 2025 at the Department of Industrial Management, University of Kelaniya, where they will pitch their ideas and face a Q&A session on feasibility.

Prototypes are not required at this stage. Finalists will be selected at the sole discretion of the judges. Innovative teams not selected may still receive industry support to develop and market the ideas. Results will be announced via the hackX Jr. website, Facebook page, and WhatsApp.

## 3

### **GRAND FINALS**

**10th November 2025**

**@BMICH**

Finalists, chosen exclusively by the judges at the semi-final stage, will be paired with mentors aligned to their project's domain. They will also participate in a technical workshop and receive guidance on marketing strategies.

All finalists will be awarded certificates and offered opportunities to develop both their soft skills and technical expertise.





# REGISTRATION FOR THE HACKATHON

- ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR THE COMPETITION WITHIN THE DESIGNATED REGISTRATION PERIOD, WHICH ENDS ON 27<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST.
- TO REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL TEAM, YOU NEED TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE HACKXJR.LK AND NAVIGATE TO THE REGISTRATION PAGE.
- OUT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TEAM, INCLUDING THE TEAM LEADER'S CONTACT DETAILS, FILL SCHOOL NAME, AND THE NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

- TEAMS CAN SUBMIT THEIR PROPOSALS FROM 17<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST TO 5<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.
- PROPOSALS SHOULD BE UPLOADED AS A PDF DOCUMENT, AND PARTIALLY COMPLETED PROPOSALS WILL BE REJECTED.
- THE CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL SHOULD FOLLOW THE GIVEN TEMPLATE, NOT EXCEEDING THE WORD LIMIT OF 3500 WORDS.
- YOU MAY USE DIAGRAMS, IMAGES, CHARTS, ETC IN THE PROPOSAL (VISIT THE SITE).

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