

FAQ F10 FinTech Hackathon Zurich

Before the event:

What is a Hackathon?

At a Hackathon, a variety of people come together to work on a project under extreme time pressure. In our case... a weekend, namely 48 hours. The organizer usually specifies topics. That being said, there is plenty of room for creativity and your ideas. The aim is to work in a small team to produce a presentable prototype or concept within the predefined time. Our motto: Done is better than perfect!

Is this Hackathon for me?

Are you..

An entrepreneur? Then yes.

A techie? Yes!

A biz (wo)man? Yeah!

A designer? Yay!

Student? Sure thing!

If you are motivated to build a product, service or startup and are open to new ideas, you'll fit right in!

When is the sign-up deadline?

You can apply until 1 March 2019.

When will I receive my confirmation of participation?

You will get an update by 4 March 2019.

How does the application process work?

As space is limited and we want to make sure to have a diverse group of participants who want nothing else than to transfer a business idea into a prototype, participate and share knowledge, we take the time to review all registrations carefully. To increase the chances, we encourage you to provide us with as much information about your background and your experiences as possible. We will let you know as humanly as possible who is in. We recommend that you do not book your transportation until you get our final confirmation.

Can I win something?

What a question.. OF COURSE!! All winning teams will get to choose from a range of the latest tech gadgets (iPhones, tablets, drones,..) and the overall Hackathon Winner as well as the Golden Ticket winner will get access to our P2 Program in one way or the other – check our website for more info!

Will my travel costs be reimbursed?

Yes. Please make sure to keep all receipts and we will reimburse all travel costs (train, plane, bus, ship) up to the following caps:

The compensation will be as follows:

400 kilometers or more from the location Zurich: up to CHF 100

700 kilometers or more from the location Zurich: up to CHF 150

Please note, reimbursement cannot be higher than travel costs. We do not reimburse accommodation as you can stay at the Hackathon location overnight.

To be eligible, you must submit register with your team AND submit your travel expenses. We'll let you know how to do it at the Hackathon.

We are unable to help out with visa requests.

What will be the spoken event language?

The event will be held in English.

Can I stay at the location overnight?

Yes. It's part of the experience ☺ The location will be accessible and in operation throughout the night. This way you can work and nap as you wish. If you need a quiet night's sleep and a real bed, please book your accommodation at your own expense. We can provide you with recommendations, but please be aware that we cannot book a room for you.

I don't have an idea, can I still participate?

Please do! You can always be inspired by the challenges and workshops we offer. You can team up with people who have an idea.

Are the workshops compulsory?

Attending the workshops is part of the experience. Our partners will present the challenges and provide more background information – which might be useful to work on the perfect solution and win the competition!

Can I continue to work on an already existing project of my own?

*Well.. To keep the competition fair, the idea should be new and cannot have been used elsewhere before. No code is allowed to be reused.
All teams start from 0 at the Hackathon – we believe in fair play!*

What do I have to bring with me?

Please take your computer, charger and personal equipment for the three days at the Hackathon with you. We will provide the IT infrastructure and brain food.

How will I find a team?

*There will be some time for the matching at the beginning of the event.
Don't worry; everyone will find a good team.*

Is parking available?

Paid parking is available at Schiffbau, but we recommend using public transport as traffic can be quite heavy in the city (and think of the environment!).

How can I stay informed during the Hackathon?

The most important information will be here on the website, so check back whenever you can. We will also share information via Social Media. Follow the @f10_accelerator twitter handle or the #F10HackathonZurich hashtag. Information will also be posted on our facebook page and we will of course email participants all vital information prior to the event.

I got accepted but can't participate. How can I cancel?

If you can't participate, send us an e-mail to viola.zoller@f10.ch.

Friday, 22 March		Saturday, 23 March		Sunday, 24 March	
16.00	Doors open	08.00	Breakfast	08.00	Breakfast
17.00	Start	09.00	Input Session	09.30	Reimbursement
17.30	Key Note Speaker	12.00	Lunch	11.00	Pitch Practice II
18.00	Workshops	13.00	Activity	12.00	Deadline
19.30	Dinner	15.00	Mentoring	12.00	Presentation Lunch
20.15	Pitch your Idea	19.00	Dinner	13.30	1st Jury Pitch
21.00	Team up	20.30	Pitch Practice I	16.00	Final Jury
22.00	Input Session	24.00	Midnight Snack		Pitch Top 10
23.00	Team registration			17.00	& Key Note
24.00	Midnight Snack				Announcement of
				17.30	Winner
				20.00	Apéro
					End of Event