Harvard Health Systems Innovation Lab Hackathon 2026

Participant Registration Instruction Guide

1. Overview

The HSIL Global Health Systems Hackathon brings together students, innovators, clinicians, researchers, technologists, and entrepreneurs across five continents to design high-value health system solutions. Registration is open to all individuals and teams interested in innovation, public health, technology, and health systems strengthening.

This guide outlines the steps and requirements for a successful registration.
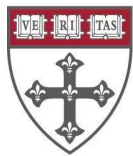
2. Eligibility

Participants may register as:

- Individuals (who will be placed into teams)
- Pre-formed Teams (2–6 members recommended)
- Students, professionals, and innovators from any discipline
- Participants from any of the global collaborating hubs (visit our hackathon landing page for more information).

No prior hackathon experience is required.

3. Registration Requirements

To complete registration, participants must:

1. Provide basic personal information (name, email, affiliation, hub location).
2. Indicate whether they are registering individually or as a team.
3. Submit a summary of their idea or problem statement (150–200 words).
   - This should describe:
     - The health systems problem and why it matters
     - A potential solution or concept
4. Agree to HSIL Hackathon **Terms & Conditions**, including IP guidelines.

4. How to Register

Step 1: Access the Registration Portal ()

Visit the official HSIL Hackathon registration link provided by your local hub or via the HSIL website (https://hsph.harvard.edu/research/health-systems-innovation-lab/work/hsil-hackathon-2026-building-high-value-health-systems-leveraging-ai/)

Step 2: Select Your Registration Category

Choose one of the following:

- Register as an individual
- Register as a team (**All team members are required to register separately under your preferred team name**)

Step 3: Complete the Online Form

Fill out:

- Contact details
- Academic/professional background
- Preferred in-person participating Hub (e.g. Boston, Toronto, Accra, etc.)
- Your idea summary or problem statement

Step 4: Upload Additional Information

- CV/resume
- LinkedIn Profile
- Personal Website/GitHub

Step 5: Submit Your Registration

Applications will be accepted only after all required fields have been completed and the form has been submitted. Upon submission, you will immediately see a confirmation message on the screen, followed by an email confirmation from HSIL or your respective hub.