

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Goldman Sachs India Hackathon 2026 (GSIH)**

#### **General Guidelines**

1. **What is the Goldman Sachs India Hackathon?**  
Goldman Sachs India Hackathon (GSIH) is a virtual 12-hour coding challenge that enables students to work on real-world technical and quantitative problems. It is an individual event open to eligible students graduating in 2027 and 2028.
2. **What are the key dates for GSIH 2026?**
  - Registration Start: April 22, 2026
  - Last Date to Apply: May 10, 2026
  - Hackathon Dates: Quant: May 23, 2026 | CS: May 24, 2026
  - Mentorship & Finale (In-Person): Mid of June 2026
3. **Is the hackathon conducted in teams or individually?**  
It is an individual contest. Team entries are not permitted.
4. **What is the mode of the hackathon?**  
The hackathon will be conducted online on the HackerRank platform.

#### **Submission & Evaluation**

5. **How do I submit my solutions?**  
Solutions must be submitted on the HackerRank platform during the 12-hour window. Ensure stable internet connectivity and complete submission before the contest closes.
6. **Will late submissions be accepted?**  
No. Submissions after the 12-hour window will not be considered.
7. **Will there be a live leaderboard for each of the questions? Does being on top of the leaderboard make me the winner?**  
Yes, a live leaderboard will be available for all sections. However, ranking at the top does not guarantee a win. Results will be announced after the hackathon concludes.
8. **What is the proctoring and plagiarism policy?**  
The Hackathon is subject to proctoring to ensure a fair competition. Any form of plagiarism or cheating will lead to immediate disqualification.

#### **Selection, Prizes & Career Opportunities**

9. **What happens after the hackathon?**
  - Shortlisted candidates will attend a mentorship session in June
  - Top performers will be invited for an in-person Finale at the Goldman Sachs India office
  - From the finalists, those students who are graduating in the year **2028** will be eligible for Pre-Placement Interview (PPI) opportunities

**10. What are the rewards for top performers?**

- Exciting prizes
- Mentorship and career guidance from Goldman Sachs professionals
- Exclusive PPI opportunity with Goldman Sachs

**Eligibility & Application**

**11. Who can participate?**

- Students from the engineering colleges mentioned below are eligible to participate.
- Only those graduating in 2027 and 2028.
- Students must apply individually and have a valid HackerRank profile.

**12. Is this an individual competition or group competition?**

Only Individual participation.

**13. Are all students eligible for both CS and Quant hackathon?**

- The CS hackathon is open to students from 86 eligible colleges
- The Quant hackathon is restricted to students from a smaller subset of eligible colleges (List of colleges for each track is provided below)

**14. Can I participate in both hackathons?**

Yes, students who are eligible for both tracks may opt for both during registration and will receive separate links for each day.

**15. Can participants be from different programs, branches and year of graduation?**

2027 and 2028 graduating batch from any program or branch of Engineering from the below mentioned set of institutes can participate.

**Contact**

**16. Whom do I reach out to in case of queries?**

Email us at [gsindiahackathon@ny.email.gs.com](mailto:gsindiahackathon@ny.email.gs.com) and refer to this FAQ before reaching out.

**17. Will GSIH Team be around to answer my questions during the contest?**

Please post on discussion forums for section related questions.

**Eligible Colleges**

Please refer to the list shared on the GSIH webpage

**Terms and Conditions**

- Goldman Sachs reserves the right to modify the event or cancel the event at any stage, without incurring any liability.
- Participation in this contest is not an offer of employment or internship.
- The participants warrant and certify that their submissions are original and do not infringe third party copyrights, patents or intellectual property rights.

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