



## Hack@URI 2026 – Briefing Summary

**SIGN UP HERE:** <https://hackaturi.com/>

Hack@URI is a new student-run hackathon designed to become a signature experiential learning opportunity at the University of Rhode Island. Modeled after successful hackathons at institutions such as Brown, Northeastern, and MIT, Hack@URI aims to create an interdisciplinary space where students learn beyond the classroom, take creative risks, collaborate across fields, and engage directly with industry partners.

### Event Overview

- **Dates:** February 21–22, 2026
- **Location:** Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering
- **Current Participation :** 190 students
- **Participants:** Students from Rhode Island and across the U.S.
- **Affiliation:** Official event within the Major League Hacking (MLH) network
- **Format:** 24-hour interdisciplinary challenge-based hackathon

### How Deans Can Support

We welcome partnership through: All sign-ups are through website: [hackaturi.com](https://hackaturi.com/)

- Encouraging student participation across your departments, sponsor tracks or contribute problem statement
- Sharing this opportunity with faculty and staff
- Helping identify potential workshop speaker mentors, judges, or challenge themes aligned with your disciplines

### Benefits to Colleges and Students

- Provides hands-on, high-impact experiential learning
- Encourages collaboration across departments, disciplines and talented students from across the country
- Builds early connections with employers, researchers, and industry mentors
- Highlights how academic programs contribute to solving real-world challenges
- Strengthens URI's identity as a hub for innovation and applied learning
- \$15,000+ in Prizes

**Interdisciplinary by Design:** Although technology is the foundation, Hack@URI incorporates tracks across:

- Business
- Health and life sciences
- Design and communication
- The Arts
- Engineering and computer science

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