

CATALYST HACKATHON

12 hours. Idea to prototype to pitch.

WHAT'S A HACKATHON?

A one-day invention sprint. Students form small teams, pick a problem, and build a working prototype from scratch, then demo it to judges. Ours runs 12 hours and is judged like an early-stage startup: does it work, does anyone need it, and can the team make the case?

WHO WE ARE

Catalyst is Olin's student-run entrepreneurship club. We already back student founders with grants of up to \$1,000, mentorship, and workshops on talking to users. This is our first hackathon, built to get Boston-area students from an idea to something people want.

WHEN

**Saturday, Feb 6, 2027
9 AM–9 PM**

WHERE

**Olin College
Needham, MA**

WHO

**~100 Boston-area
college students**

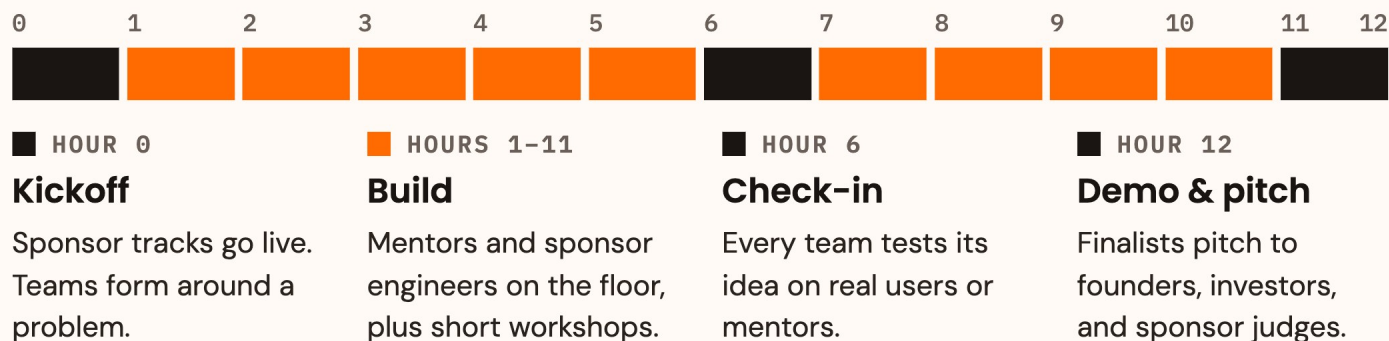
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12 hours to build something people want.

Teams of up to four go from idea to working prototype to pitch in one day, with mentors and sponsor engineers on the floor the whole time.

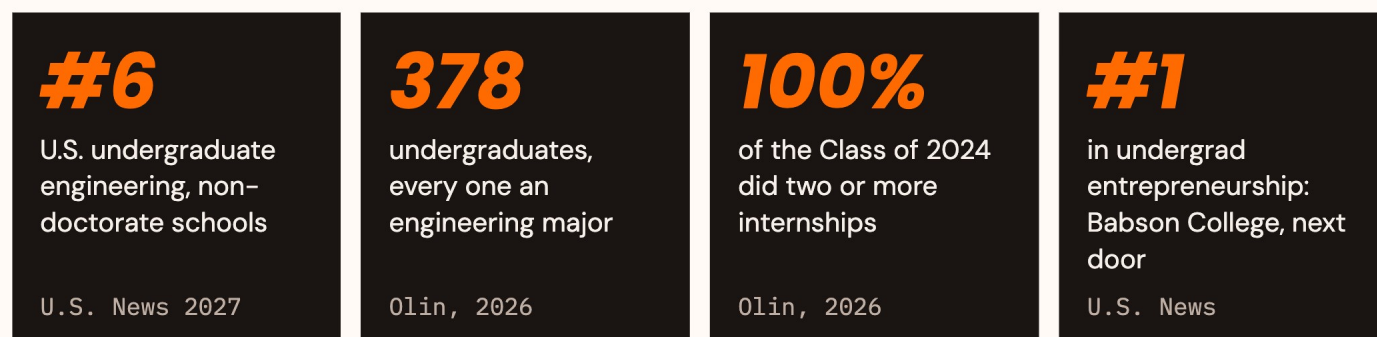
How the 12 hours run



Judged like a startup



Why Olin



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Pick your round.

Every tier helps fund the whole day: food, prizes, and swag for ~100 builders. Each tier includes everything in the one before it.

	 Angel \$250 Off-site	 Pre-Seed \$500 On site	 Seed \$1,000 On site	 Series A \$2,000 On site
VISIBILITY				
Logo on site & slides	Small	Small	Medium	Large
Logo on event T-shirt			✓	✓
Thanked at opening & closing	✓	✓	✓	✓
ON THE FLOOR				
Distribute swag	✓	✓	✓	✓
Workshop or tech talk			Lightning	Workshop
Speak at opening				5 min
Judge the final pitches	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor a track & prize			✓	✓
RECRUITING				
Opt-in resume book	✓	✓	✓	✓
Share roles with participants	✓	✓	✓	✓
Host a speaker session			✓	✓

Custom packages welcome.

In-kind support (hardware, cloud credits, food, swag) counts toward a tier at fair value. Not ready for a tier? Sponsor a meal, fund a prize like Most Fundable, or lend mentors and judges.

LET'S TALK

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