BRAINHACK 2026 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Are there any pre-requisites to take part in any of the activities?**
   There are no pre-requisites, as training will be provided.

2. **I have taken part in a previous edition of BrainHack. Can I still participate this year?**
   Yes, you are welcome to sign up again, as the challenges will be different from past editions.

ACTIVITY FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

3. **Which activities are being held virtually/physically?**
   Each activity has a different mix of virtual and physical components. Please refer to the respective activity's registration form for details.

   For COMPETE activities, there will be pre-finals training and/or qualifiers, and the main activities will be held across the two days of the physical finals for participants who qualify.

   For LEARN activities, there will be **no** pre-finals training and/or qualifiers. They will be conducted as half-day sessions during the physical finals.

4. **Will I be able to take part in more than one activity?**
   For COMPETE activities, some of the training and/or qualifiers will be held concurrently. Please check the respective activity's registration form for details and plan your BrainHack experience according to your interests and availability (e.g. school commitments). If you qualify for the physical finals for more than one activity, you will only be able to continue with one of the activities.

   For LEARN activities, you may take part in more than one session as there are different half-day sessions throughout the physical finals. However, to keep your schedule manageable, it is recommended that you limit your registration to two LEARN activities. If there are activities with limited slots, priority will be given to students with no or fewer confirmed activities.

DEVICES AND LOGISTICS

5. **Do I have to bring my own devices for the physical activities of BrainHack 2026?**
   For COMPETE activities, participants are required to use their own laptops for all pre-finals training and/or qualifiers. Participants who qualify for the physical finals are also required to bring their own laptops.

   For LEARN activities, participants are required to bring their own laptops/devices.

TEAMS AND REGISTRATION

6. **Can students from different schools form a team?**
   Yes, as long as participants are registering for the same category. Participants from different education levels can still form a team, but the team category will be based on the highest education level within the team.

7. **I am interested to register but am unable to form a team. What should I do?**
You may register as an individual or a small group, and the organisers will help to form a team with other registrants where possible.

8. **I have submitted the registration form. Is my participation confirmed?**
As there are limited slots for each activity, there may be a selection process after registration closes. Confirmed participants will be notified via email. All relevant information about the activity you registered for will be included in the email if you are selected.

ELIGIBILITY BY NATIONALITY AND STATUS

9. **Are foreigners/international students allowed to participate?**
For COMPETE activities, participants must join a team with a minimum number of Singaporeans, based on the respective eligibility criteria. Please ensure the requirements for the activities you are interested in before registering.

    For LEARN activities, foreigners/international students are welcome to participate.

10. **Are Singaporeans studying overseas allowed to participate?**
Most pre-finals events for the COMPETE activities are conducted virtually so you may participate even if you are studying overseas. Please check if the activity you are interested in requires your physical presence. If you qualify for the physical finals, you are required to attend in person.

    LEARN activities must be attended in person during the physical finals.

11. **Can I participate if I am a pre-enlistee or NSF?**
Yes, you may participate based on your highest qualification.

12. **Can I participate if I am a working professional?**
Unfortunately, no. BrainHack is specially tailored for students from post-secondary to undergraduate level and does not have an open category for the general public and working professionals. However, undergraduates who are working part-time, or who have received a job offer while still completing their degree, are welcome to join.

ELIGIBILITY BY EDUCATION LEVEL

13. **Can I participate if I am a secondary school student or post-graduate student?**
Unfortunately, no. BrainHack's activities are specially tailored for students from post-secondary to undergraduate level. This is to ensure fairness among participants by minimising differences in experience and skillsets, and creating a level playing field for everyone.

14. **I will graduate before the BrainHack activities commence. Can I still participate?**
Yes, you may, as long as you are a post-secondary student, up to the undergraduate level, at the time of registration for BrainHack.