

Techyon Microgrants

Backed by us, built by you.

About

Techyon Microgrants is a program dedicated to investing in the growth and potential of the **best and brightest** builders, innovators, and creators of our generation. Techyon is the parent non-profit organization of Hack the North, Canada's Biggest Hackathon. Hack the North has always been about giving hackers the platform to **build, create, and push boundaries** in just 36 hours. Our new program strives to **expand our mission** beyond the hackathon weekend and **further our impact** of cultivating a diverse and renowned community of talent recognized across the tech and entrepreneurial worlds.

Many promising ideas never reach their full potential due to limited resources, opportunities, and incentives to continue building.

That's where Techyon Microgrants come in.

We are providing funding to **invest in you**, to bring your **ideas to life**. Microgrants could cover expenses such as hosting costs, hardware, prototyping resources, or essential services—directly supporting you to maintain or propel your momentum with your passion project.

We'd love to hear about your project on social media, so tag us **@hackthenorth** and use **#techyonmicrogrants** to share with the world. Feel free to reach out with any questions at **microgrants@hackthenorth.com**.

Framework

A **year-round** program to fund your growth and passion project.

Grantees will receive:

- 🔥 **\$1000-\$2000** (per grant)
- 🔥 **Mentorship** from the leading technical engineers and VC partners
- 🔥 **No term sheets.** Minimal strings attached (see "Grant Distribution" for details)

Applications

- 🔥 Applications are open to any student enrolled in a Canadian college or university at the time of your application
- 🔥 You will have until **June 30th, 2025** to submit your application
- 🔥 Each application will involve submission of a project/startup demo
- 🔥 Only solo applications are accepted at this time

Grant Distribution

Our model is **non-dilutive**, with minimal-strings-attached:

- 🔥 **1/3** of the grant will be awarded upon becoming a grantee
- 🔥 **1/2** of the remaining grant awarded after discussing business plans or budget proposals
- 🔥 Rest of the grant awarded on a reimbursement basis

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Build something weird. Or useful. Or both.

FAQ

If you still have questions, feel free to drop us a note at microgrants@hackthenorth.com

Who can apply to the 2025 Techyon Microgrant Program?

Any student enrolled in a Canadian university or college between June 2025 and July 2025 is eligible to apply.

Do I need to be a Canadian Citizen to apply?

Any student enrolled in a Canadian post-secondary institution can apply (including international students).

Is there an age limit to apply?

No. As long as you are a student enrolled in a Canadian post-secondary institution, you are eligible to apply.

Does my project need to be something new, or can it be something I've already been working on?

It can be either! Whether you're just starting out or already making progress, we're excited to help you take it further.

What if my project is collaborative with other members? Can I still apply as part of a team?

Techyon Microgrants are awarded to individuals. While recipients are welcome to use the funds for a team-based project, the grant will only be disbursed to the individual who was selected.

Can I apply with just an idea, or do I need a working prototype?

You can apply with just an idea, but your chances are stronger if you have something built. Some parts of the application require you to showcase progress.

What happens after I submit my application?

Your application will be reviewed by a panel of Hack the North organizers, technical mentors, and partnering VCs. If selected, you'll be invited to an interview with the panel.

What kind of projects qualify? Does it need to be technical in nature?

Anything you're passionate about! Whether it's a potential startup, an art gallery, or something totally unexpected. We're excited to see what you're building.

What can I use the funding for?

Anything that helps you move your project forward, whether that's hosting, hardware, tools, materials, or something else essential to your progress. More information will be provided as grants are distributed.

When will we be matched with mentors?

After selected, a matching process will pair you with a technical mentor and a VC partner best suited for your project.

What will my application be assessed on?

Your application will be assessed on your project potential, your merit-based achievements, and your passion. Please feel free to express yourself as you want and tell us your story!

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

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