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ด้วยสมาคมมหาวิทยาลัยภาคพื้นแปซิฟิก (Association of Pacific Rim Universities: APRU) ร่วมกับ มหาวิทยาลัย National University of Singapore Fin Tech Lab บริษัท Google และองค์กร data.org มีกำหนดจัดงาน APRU Tech Policy Hackathon 2025 ระหว่างวันที่ ๓๐ กันยายน – ๒ ตุลาคม ๒๕๖๘ ณ สำนักงาน Google กรุงเทพฯ โดยมีวัตถุประสงค์เพื่อส่งเสริมการประยุกต์ใช้ปัญญาประดิษฐ์ (AI) และวิทยาการข้อมูล (Data Science) ในการพัฒนาแนวทางแก้ไขปัญหาสังคมที่มีความซับซ้อนในภูมิภาคเอเชียตะวันออกเฉียงใต้ มุ่งเน้น การพัฒนาแนวทางที่มีความยั่งยืน สามารถขยายผลได้ในวงกว้าง และสอดคล้องกับเป้าหมายนโยบายอย่างเป็น รูปธรรม โดยกิจกรรมในครั้งนี้เป็นการเปิดโอกาสให้นักศึกษาในระดับอุดมศึกษาได้มีส่วนร่วมในการพัฒนาและ ออกแบบแนวทางแก้ไขหรือกระบวนการที่ขับเคลื่อนด้วยเทคโนโลยี รวมถึงการสร้างสรรค์นวัตกรรมเชิงกฎระเบียบ ที่สามารถนำไปประยุกต์ใช้ได้จริง รายละเอียดดังเอกสารแนบ

ผู้สนใจสามารถศึกษารายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมได้ที่เว็บไซต์ https://www.apru.org/event/aprutech-policy-hackathon-2025 หรือสอบถามข้อมูลเพิ่มเติมได้ที่ Mr. Benjamin Zhou ผ่านทางไปรษณีย์ อิเล็กทรอนิกส์ programs@apru.org โดยผู้สนใจสามารถสมัครเข้าร่วมกิจกรรมดังกล่าวผ่านระบบออนไลน์ (Google Form) ได้ที่เว็บไซต์ https://forms.gle/tpgtRfuL8ep4zEEr5 หรือตาม QR Code มุมขวาล่าง ตั้งแต่ บัดนี้จนถึงวันที่ ๒๐ มิถุนายน ๒๕๖๘

จึงแจ้งมาเพื่อโปรดประชาสัมพันธ์ทุนดังกล่าวให้กับบุคลากรในสังกัดทราบโดยทั่วกันด้วย จะขอบคุณยิ่ง



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Call for Participation

APRU Tech Policy Hackathon 2025

Leveraging AI and Data for Inclusive Growth

Hosts & Partners: APRU x NUS FinTech Lab x Google x data.org

Location: Google Office, The Okura Prestige Bangkok, Thailand

Dates: September 30 - October 2, 2025

Website: https://www.apru.org/event/apru-tech-policy-hackathon-2025/

Overview

Digital transformation presents an unprecedented opportunity to solve complex social issues. However, gaps remain in ensuring that solutions are sustainable, scalable, and aligned with policy objectives.

APRU Tech Policy Hackathon 2025 will provide students with the opportunity to design technology-driven process improvements and regulatory innovations leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and data science that bridge these gaps in **Southeast Asian (SEA)*** countries. The focus will be on solutions that are self-sustaining, offer a good return on investment (ROI), and are ready for implementation.

Objectives

Guided by mentors from the academia, tech industry, public agencies, non-profit organizations and other stakeholders, participants will develop actionable solutions to **one of the following policy challenges**:

- 1. Pathways for Supporting Financial Inclusion in the Digital Economy Exploring scalable business models, fintech solutions, and regulatory mechanisms that enhance financial access for underbanked communities.
- 2. **Ensuring Interoperability, Access, and Digital Trust** Developing business processes, governance models, and policy-aligned solutions that enable seamless integration across digital platforms, strengthen security, and build trust in digital transactions.
- Adapting to Al-Driven Economies Designing market-based and regulatory solutions that help underserved communities navigate the transition to an Aldriven economy, focusing on workforce adaptation, Al-and data driven economic integration, governance and safety, upskilling, accessibility, and localization.

4. **Developing Digital Trust as a Pathway to Solve the Digital Equity Gap** – Establishing policies and technological frameworks to foster trust in digital financial systems and services.

Teams will develop a policy brief and create a working prototype. Judging will prioritize real-world feasibility, innovation quality, policy relevance, and potential for high-impact scalability.

Timeline

May 15-Jun 20, 2025	Open call for application and registration.
Jun 27, 2025	Announcement of the initial shortlist of teams for the hackathon.
Jul 21, 2025	Deadline for submission of in-depth policy brief (1200 words) on one of the policy challenges outlined in the Objectives above.
Aug 1, 2025	Announcement of the final list of selected teams for the Tech Policy Hackathon in Bangkok.
Aug-Sep, 2025	The selected teams have two training sessions provided by speakers and mentors.
Sep 30-Oct 2, 2025	Tech Policy Hackathon in Bangkok, Thailand

Awards

- A prize of US\$1,000 will be awarded to the winning team.
- US\$500 will be awarded to the first and second runners-up teams respectively.
- Leading teams will gain continued mentorship access after the hackathon to help transform their solutions into scalable, real-world initiatives.

Benefits

All students selected for the APRU Tech Policy Hackathon 2025 will gain:

- **Expert Training**: Practical workshops with mentors from Google, NUS, and other experts on AI, data, and policy innovation.
- Real-World Project Experience: Build a tech prototype and policy brief under real-world conditions.
- Career-Boosting Credentials: Showcase a high-level project for resumes, interviews, and graduate applications.
- **Strategic Networking**: Connect with industry experts, policymakers, and top students across Asia-Pacific.
- Pathways to Further Opportunities: Access post-hackathon mentorship, internships, and project funding possibilities.
- **Leadership Skill Development**: Hone cross-disciplinary collaboration and problem-solving under pressure.

Funding Support

Each member of the teams selected to participate in the final round of Hackathon on September 30-October 2 in Bangkok will be fully funded for their accommodations and return flights **from a SEA* city** to Bangkok.

For those selected participants who will travel from **outside of SEA***, the **funding amounts remain the same**. They are obliged to pay the difference on their own.

* For the definition of SEA, please refer to the <u>member states of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)</u>.

Requirements

- Participants should be organized by teams, with each consisting of 3 5
 postgraduate and/or undergraduate students.
- The students must be enrolled at <u>APRU member universities</u> or any university in <u>Southeast Asia (SEA)</u>* for the whole duration of the competition.
- Teams are highly encouraged to be composed of members of diverse disciplines and gender backgrounds.
- Preferred disciplines: Al/Impact Data Science, Law, Business
 Administration, Political Science, and Humanities.
- Each team should be endorsed by a **faculty member** from their university.
- Each member of the applying teams should have the availability to join the online training sessions and in-person hackathon in Bangkok.

Selection Process

In the application, each team must provide:

- Team name, university affiliation, faculty endorser.
- Participant profiles (majors, genders, academic standing).
- A short essay (around 300 words) to:
 - Describe how they intend to leverage policy, AI, and data for social good in a Southeast Asian context, addressing one of the policy challenge areas listed above.
 - Clearly define the policy problem they intend to address, and demonstrate an understanding of the political, institutional, and socioeconomic context of their selected country.
 - Outline the identified challenge, the proposed intervention, its expected impact, and how their solution would enhance feasibility, scalability, or policy effectiveness.

Evaluation criteria:

- Alignment with Hackathon goals (Impact x Data/Al x Policy focus).
- Diversity of disciplines and genders within the team.
- Originality and clarity of essay response.
- Priority will be given to:
 - Teams from SEA countries.
 - Solutions that show potential for real-world impact, practical implementation, and scalability.

How to Apply

Please submit your application via filling out the form at https://forms.gle/tpgtRfuL8ep4zEEr5 by **June 20, 2025**.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the hackathon website: https://www.apru.org/event/apru-tech-policy-hackathon-2025/

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