

# How to Win Colosseum

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*Next September 25th - October 30th*

## Submit For:

- **\$250k Pre-Seed Investment** on founder-friendly terms
- Proof of Work from **Solana's No.1 Hackathon/Accelerator**
- Over to **\$500k in prize money** across Hackathon Tracks
- Forever Access to Private **Solana Founder's Group**
- Exclusive **Expert Mentorship Sessions** by Ecosystem's Best
- Public **Exposure from Main Solana Handle** and Colosseum team

## Minimum Requirements

- Current pitch deck with presentation video tweaked for solana/colosseum
  - Public github of technical lead's personal account
  - 5 minutes of time to sign up & submit

## Average Application

- Templated pitch deck with presentation video contextualized to Breakout
  - Technical demo video showing the product in action
- General github for project with Colosseum Judges invited to review

## **Best Applications**

- Story-driven presentation video designed for a Venture Fund to show narrative & startup scaling ops
- Clear niche market for product which solves a real problems for users who are demanding solutions
- Early users enjoying the product with feedback given for iterations to show a level of PMF
- Attention to Founder-Market-Fit in team slides with the right partners/advisors for external validity
- Technical Demo Video showing the product being used
- Github code repo for hackathon engineering sprint with clear reasons why you prioritized those features

### **Focus your attention towards these areas for greatest leverage:**

“One-liner & 50-word description” - short, snappy, clear, and validated by traction stats which allow the judges to immediately understand you’ve got a product/startup worth investing in

“Teach judges something new” - show the market for your product, but explain the piece that everyone is missing, and why you have the unfair advantage to be successful

“Twitter / Telegram” - generate your traction organically through the right telegram groups for those first 5-10 users, document the journey via your personal profile (founder-led marketing), with a planned big announced video with partner thunderclap close to end of hackathon on your project twitter

“Posting on Colosseum Forums” - finding team members, getting early engagement, and directly interacting with the Colosseum team, so they know you when it comes time for judging

### **Fastest ways to lose:**

“Not Submitting” - submitting gets you on Solana’s radar, and never say never

“Nothing New Built” - this is an engineering sprint, you’ve got to have built something on solana

“Submitting the same product as before” - Why is it different now, what have you learnt and improved?

**Remember to select “United Kingdom” in your application for where the team is primarily based,**

and we’d appreciate it if you could mention SuperteamUK in the survey 🇬🇧

Apply here ➡ [arena.colosseum.org](https://arena.colosseum.org)

Refer: <https://www.colosseum.org/hackathon#faqs> for more details

**Now check out below for links to all the templates and details** 📌

## **Templates & Guides**

1. Pitch Deck Narrative:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MfQ8UeXEv3kGfd8rhdh7RklELBjZquQUHedqGqnv66o/edit>

2. Pitch Deck Design:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V9yq8B1nLpF8vPTL2buT\\_nlmsMwNJ\\_fRuyADs\\_k49Sg/edit#slide=id.g20e3e70ec1e\\_3\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V9yq8B1nLpF8vPTL2buT_nlmsMwNJ_fRuyADs_k49Sg/edit#slide=id.g20e3e70ec1e_3_0)

3. Demo Video:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cobsXOh4F5Wy4KDx\\_sDrZtwRHuRvpgTz5\\_SqPtcO5ts/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cobsXOh4F5Wy4KDx_sDrZtwRHuRvpgTz5_SqPtcO5ts/edit)

4. Guide to posting on Colosseum Forums

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dEeXK5bgg0hicqJPUTH2n5s2m-8FMIA0FD6VonCi2Uc/edit?usp=sharing>

5. Previous Winners

<https://build.superteam.fun/past-hackathon-winners>

6. Everything to include in submission

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRTyFh9syAF5b00QCZ1qYqJpwcUq86Qwj8oehINvuxO0t4fcCk1-dHndTDzy68OMJRxs9zO2mjV2mTj/pub>

## **Technical Resources**

General Developer Toolkits: <https://solana.com/developers>

Open Source Repos: <https://github.com/helius-labs/solana-awesome?tab=readme-ov-file>

## **Getting Started on Solana**

### **From the Docs**

#### *Introduction to Solana Development*

-A great introduction to important Solana development knowledge

#### *Important Concepts*

-Concepts you should be familiar with as you start your solana journey

#### *Setup Your Environment*

-Setting up a local environment is a good practice, but not required. Highly recommended.

#### *Hello World*

-Build your first hello world app on chain using a Web IDE

### **Other Great Resources**

#### *Solana Bytes*

-Video playlist of byte sized, important Solana concepts and a must watch.

#### *Solana Cookbook*

-One of the most popular resources for concepts, guides and reference code snippets

#### *Solana Bootcamp*

-An incredible 7 hour video playlist crash course on Solana development. Perfect for anyone looking to dive right in.

### **Solana Dev Starter Pack**

#### *Web3.js Library*

-Primary client library for interacting with the solana blockchain in javascript

#### *create-solana-dapp*

-Quickly spin up a solana application scaffold

### Solana Playground

-Solana Program Web IDE

### Solana Stack Exchange

-The perfect place to ask technical questions or search previously answered questions about solana development

## **Guides and Tutorials**

### Intro to Anchor

-A guide to getting started with Anchor

### How to Create a CRUD dApp

-Learn how to create and deploy both the Solana program and UI for a basic on-chain CRUD dApp

### Add a Solana Wallet Adapter to Next.js

-Learn how to add a Solana wallet adapter to a Next.js app

### Official Guides

-Assortment of guides and tutorials from the main solana website

## **Video Learning Content**

### SolAndy

-A wide variety of solana developer content that is produced weekly

Solana Bootcamp -An incredible 9 project playlist crash course on Solana development. Perfect for anyone looking to dive right in.

## **Self Learning Courses**

### THE Solana Courses

-End to end, comprehensive, intermediate self learning courses for all things Solana

### Freecodecamp

-A fully interactive Solana course on Freecodecamp that is taught directly from your Visual Studio Code IDE

### Riseln

-An excellent introductory Solana course with both options for text and video based learning

*Ideasoft Rust/Solana Beginner*

-Great Solana/Rust course for beginners if you're interesting in building programs (smart contracts)

*Ideasoft Rust/Solana Advanced*

-Advanced course for those that complete the Ideasoft Rust/Solana beginner program

*Rareskills ETH to Solana*

-A course specifically for ethereum developers to learn Solana

## **Open Source References**

*Solana Open-Source Software*

-Another solana-awesome repo filled with open source projects to use as references and learning tools

*Solana Program Examples*

-A comprehensive collection of Solana onchain program examples in Anchor, Native Rust, and Python, covering basics, tokens, and advanced topics

*Solana Actions Examples*

-A repository containing example implementations of Solana Actions using various frameworks like Axum, Cloudflare Workers, Express, and Next.js