

# JETRO x Hack Osaka 2024 Invitation Program



Hack Osaka is the largest international innovation conference in the Kansai region, bringing together entrepreneurs, investors, corporations, students, and local governments from around the world.

It has been held annually since 2013 and provides participants with the opportunity to interact with innovative players in the startup ecosystem.

With the Kansai region – the second largest economy in Japan – as its base, Hack Osaka will play on the regions many strengths, such as its robust life science hub and proximity to its Asian neighbours.

## **Tentative Hack Osaka 2024 Schedule**

**25 Nov** Evening reception hosted by Hack Osaka

**26 Nov** Hack Osaka Event; 5 min presentation at the main stage and mini booth at the showcase

**27-28 Nov** Networking event and in-person meetings with Japanese companies facilitated by JETRO

# Program Application



## Requirements

- Have innovative technology, services, or products (including prototypes) that would have a positive impact on Osaka/Kansai for global expansion.
- Have a concrete proposal to Japanese companies for realising open innovation.
- Have future business plans in the Japan market (Osaka/Kansai preferred).

## Notes

- 6 startups globally will be selected by JETRO and notified via email by mid-July.
- Screening points are: originality, feasibility, impact to society, and scalability. Assessments of screening will not be disclosed.
- JETRO will cover accommodation fees in Japan from 25-29 November.
- JETRO will sponsor a visa for one person from each startup.

## Overall Timeline

**21 Jun** Application deadline

**Sep – Oct** Online meetings with Japanese companies in preparation

**25 Nov** Arrive in Osaka, Japan

**26 Nov** Hack Osaka 2024 \*tentative

**27-28 Nov** Networking event & Business matching

**29 Nov** Departure from Osaka, Japan