Legal Tech Hackathon

ALTeR

Advancing Access to Justice in Aotearoa 2025

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Opportunity

Join us for the **first** New Zealand Legal Tech Hackathon organised by Center for Advancing Law and Tech Responsibly (ALTeR) & Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) at the University of Auckland, focused on developing innovative solutions to address the access to justice gap in our communities.

Participants will tackle real challenges in financial assistance, review processes, case management, and policy implementation.

Vision

To use innovation, design thinking and technology in creating sustainable solutions to help people and break down barriers to the access to justice for underserved communities across Aotearoa.

Event Details

Date: 8 - 9 August 2025 **Location**: CIE (Center for

Innovation and

Entrepreneurship, Auckland

Format: 36 hours

Participation

Students from **across all** faculties and disciplines at the University of Auckland are welcome, together with benefit recipients and community advocates.



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Focus

The hackathon addresses challenges related to navigating complex **benefit systems** in New Zealand.



Problem Statements:

- 1. Legal Information Accessibility: Creating centralised, easy-to-understand resources that summarise complex legal information
- 2. Semi-Automated Application Support: Building tools to help people formally notify authorities about their situations and access entitlements:
 - o Temporary additional support calculations
 - Top-up assistance identification
 - Out-of-time review applications
 - Review of sanctions and notice provisions
- 3. Grant Assistance: Creating systems to help users identify recoverable versus non-recoverable grants and access the most beneficial options

Financial Support

Event Organisation | 8,000 NZD

- Catering for all participants across both days
- Technical infrastructure and support

Innovation Prizes | 5,000 NZD

• First place/Runner-up prize: 3,000 / 2,000 NZD

Participation Support Fund | 2,000 NZD

• Travel subsidies for participants facing financial barriers



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