

Ideathon

2025

on Cybersecurity and Investor Awareness

For College Students

About NISM Ideathon

NISM Ideathon is part of NISM's advocacy efforts to enhance financial literacy, investor education, and increase public engagement in India's securities market.

Objective of NISM Ideathon

- To promote safe digital financial behavior.
- Enhance investor awareness by decoding cyber threats that mislead or have the potential to mislead investors.
- Promote informed and secure digital engagement in financial markets.
- Cybersecurity and investor protection.

The Core Idea

Inviting innovative ideas and fresh perspectives from the **student community**, that holistically cover:

- Cybersecurity risks in the financial market
- Methods to prevent cyber fraud in financial market
- Best practices for safe and responsible digital investing.

NISM Ideathon Format

- Case study-based approach (real or hypothetical).
- Final deliverables:
 - 1) Project report
 - Detailed presentation

Last Date
30 September,
2025

Student Deliverables

- Conduct a case analysis of a cyber fraud incident and evaluate the root cause.
- Actionable insights and takeaways to:
 - Warn investors of red flags and digital risks.
 - Promote responsible digital investing.
 - Prevent future frauds.
- To be delivered in the format of a detailed project report and presentation.

Eligibility

- Open to currently enrolled students from all interested institutes (UG, PG and PhD Students)
 - Each team to ideally have a faculty mentor (not compulsory)
 - Team Maximum up to 4 students
 - Team Minimum: 2 students
- [UG, PG and PhD Students from a college can collectively form a team]*

Cash Prizes & Recognition

Student Prize*



Faculty Mentor Honorarium



* Prize money to be equally shared among team members.

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Final deliverables:

- Ideathon Detailed Report: Around 15–20 pages
- Ideathon Presentation Slides: Around 10 slides

Note: *The abstract should have two parts summarizing—a) the case and b) summary of solutions.*

Participation Rules:

1. Open to current enrolled students from all interested institutes
2. Each team to ideally have a faculty mentor (not compulsory).
3. Team: Minimum **2** students and maximum **4** students per team.
4. **The applicant must be a full-time UG, PG or PhD student, not enrolled in distance education.**
5. **More than one team from one institute/College may participate but with different Faculty Mentors. Multiple teams with same faculty mentor is not permitted.**
6. No Faculty mentor can guide other institution students at the same time.
7. Valid entry will be eligible for Participation certificates.

Note: Please ensure that all illustrations and content are aligned to an Indian theme. Keep the presentation simple and relatable for wider appeal.

Presentation

It should be available in the form of a PPT, which includes:

- Details of Team Members, including College/University Name, Faculty Mentor
- Problem Statement
- Objective
- Scope
- Innovative Solution for the Problem Statement
- Conclusion

*[*This is an indicative structure]*

Last Date Entry: September 30, 2025.

Submit your Report and PPT on: fineducation.initiatives@nism.ac.in

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