NUS, SMU concludes first-ever InterUni hacking challenge

The three-week tournament offered cash prizes and academic credits.

The first Inter-University (InterUni) Bug Bounty challenge was declared a success after a three-week tournament where participating student hackers look for software vulnerabilities or "bugs" in exchange for monetary rewards and academic credits.

The InterUni hacking challenge was jointly organized by National University of Singapore (NUS) and Singapore Management University (SMU) in partnership with hacker powered cybersecurity expert HackerOne.

The InterUni hacking challenge was held from 12 August to 2 September with over 200 participating students from NUS and SMU testing a total of 18 critical systems and digital assets, three of which are mobile based.

A total of 33 valid vulnerabilities were identified and reported by participants, earning them a total US$13,700.

According to the Chief Information Technology Officer of NUS Tommy Hor, this year's bug bounty challenge exceeded expectations after extending participation to SMU with their goal of sharing knowledge, synergising resources, and to continue cybersecurity innovation.