

Curtin Commercial Innovation Awards 2016

Terms and Conditions

1. The Commercial Innovation Awards (CIA; “the Competition”) is open to individuals or teams. The nominated Primary Inventor on the entry must be either employed or enrolled at Curtin University. Entries from all faculties and institutes will be considered – entries from the Arts, Social Sciences and Design disciplines are encouraged.
2. The Competition is being run by Curtin University of Technology, GPO Box U1987, Perth, Western Australia, 6845 (“Curtin”).
3. Individuals or teams may make multiple applications, provided each application relates to a different idea.
4. All individuals making up a team must be listed on the application form.
5. Entries which have been previously won a prize will not be considered.
6. The nominated Primary Inventor of each finalist entry will be advised by email of the selection to the next stage in the Competition.
7. The individual or team member nominated to present the pitch must be available to present on the Pitch Day.
8. Finalists will have a minimum of two weeks to prepare their pitches, during which time a draft presentation must be viewed by the staff of IP Commercialisation.
9. Final presentation slides must be submitted to the IP Commercialisation office by the date specified in the congratulatory notice to finalists. This will help ensure the optimum pitch time for every finalist and keep the Pitch Day schedule on track.
10. No pitch may exceed the maximum allowed time. The maximum allowable time will be communicated to applicants when they are advised of their progression to the pitching stage. Pitches will be judged on all information delivered up to the maximum allowed time limit, and the judges will ignore any information following that time.
11. All decisions of Curtin University (including those of the short-listing and judging panels) are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Due to the large numbers of entries, the judging process does not allow for individual feedback to be given; however, entrants can talk to their designated IP Commercialisation office member about their ideas and pitches.
13. Winners will receive certificates, cash prizes and possibly in-kind prizes
Cash prizes will only be paid to individuals, or to a Curtin cost centre nominated by the winning team. Payments will not be made to any personal trust fund, company or similar commercial enterprise. Prize money may be subject to tax - winners are advised to seek independent financial advice. Recipients of prize money are not restricted in their use of the funds, and may share the money with commercial partners if they wish.

All members of prize-winning teams must provide written confirmation of their agreement as to how the prize money is to be disbursed before it is released:

14. Instructions on how to enter and other details contained within promotional advertisements for this Competition form part of the conditions of entry.
15. By entering the Competition, entrants agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions.
16. The Terms and Conditions of the Competition are governed by the laws of the State of Western Australia.
17. The Competition commences at 9am Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) on Monday 14 March 2016.
18. The closing time for entering the Competition is 5pm AWST on Friday 6 May 2016.
19. To enter the Competition, the entrant must fill in the application form and submit before the closing time.
20. Entry to the Competition is free. Entrants will be responsible for all costs associated with entering the Competition, which may include costs associated with accessing the internet.
21. The prizes will be awarded by a judging panel comprising the Director of IP Commercialisation and other external parties.
22. If a prize winner who has been contacted and been made aware of their prize winning, and has agreed to collect the prize or for which collection is the only method for receiving the prize, does not collect the prize within ninety (90) days of this contact, the prize money shall be deemed uncollected, and will no longer be available to the winner.
23. The prize winner will be responsible for all costs associated with collecting and using the prize.
24. The prize winner's name will be published on the Curtin website. By entering the Competition, entrants grant Curtin permission to use their full name and suburb on its website for up to six months from the date of the draw.
25. Curtin is not responsible in any manner whatsoever for any problems or any financial costs incurred, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participants or any other persons related to or resulting from participation in this Competition.
26. Curtin accepts no responsibility and shall not be held legally liable or responsible for any accident, loss, injury or damage to any individual or property whether direct or indirect, whether in contract, tort, negligence or otherwise arising out of or in connection with the Competition or the prize, either during or after the Competition.
27. Personal information provided by an entrant to Curtin for the purpose of entering the Competition will be collected, used and disclosed in accordance with Curtin's Privacy Statement. A copy of the privacy statement is available at <http://global.curtin.edu.au/legal/privacy.cfm>. Personal information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will not be sold, reused, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed to any third party otherwise than in accordance with the Curtin privacy statement and these Terms and Conditions.