Curtinovation Awards 2020

Terms and Conditions

1. The Curtinovation Awards (“the Competition”) is open to individuals or teams. Entries will be accepted from Curtin staff, students, prospective students, Curtin industry collaborators and prospective industry collaborators. If you are a prospective student or industry collaborator you will be asked for details of how you intend to engage with Curtin on the development of your innovation.

2. The Competition is being run by Curtin University, 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 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 a Commercialisation staff member.

9. Final presentation slides must be submitted to the 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 Commercialisation staff member about their ideas and pitches.

13. Winners will receive certificates, cash prizes and/or in-kind prizes and/or vouchers. Prize money may be subject to tax, and winners are advised to seek independent financial advice. Curtin staff and student recipients of prize money are not restricted in their use of the funds, and may share the money with commercial partners if they wish. Prospective students and industry collaborators may be allocated prizes as vouchers for study or conducting research at Curtin. 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.


18. The closing date for entering the Competition will be advertised on curtin.edu/curtinnovationawards.

19. To enter the Competition, the entrant must fill in the application form on the website 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 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 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 non-confidential project summary on its website and in promotional materials.

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.
28. Ownership of intellectual property developed by Curtin staff and students is governed by Curtin’s Intellectual Property Policy https://policies.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/policy/Intellectual_Property_Policy.pdf. There is no change or transfer of ownership of intellectual property as a result of entry into the competition and prospective students and industry collaborators will retain ownership of their intellectual property.