

**Student Invent 2024 Terms and Conditions**

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## 1. General Terms and Conditions

Throughout these terms and conditions, the term 'Organiser' refers to Catalyst, the entity responsible for managing and conducting the Student Invent 2024 competition. The term "Entrant" refers to those applying to be a part of the competition, subject to the rules and guidelines outlined herein.

Applications will be assessed and shortlisted by a judging panel to determine entry into the competition, following basic background research on the Entrant conducted by the Organiser to ensure eligibility criteria is met. Shortlisting will be based on the information submitted in the application form. A maximum of 30 entrants will be invited to the interview stage of the competition.

Entrants must be willing to devote the time and commitment necessary to all components of the competition.

Applications for the Student Invent 2024 competition will open on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 and will close on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 1 pm BST. Interested applicants can apply via [our website](#).

Students who have entered the main INVENT competition and have not advanced through the qualifying rounds or semi-finals will be eligible to bypass the Student Invent application stage and automatically advance to the interview stage for the Student Invent competition. The Organiser will notify these students of their eligibility and provide them with the option to opt out of the Student Invent competition if they choose to do so.

By entering the competition, Entrants are agreeing to be bound by these terms and conditions.

## 2. Eligibility Criteria

- The entrant must be a student in either Post-Primary, Further Education or Higher Education. In the case of mixed teams [student/non-student], it is only the student team member who can partake in the programme [attend workshops/pitch etc].
- The entrant must be based in Northern Ireland or County Donegal, Ireland. If a team is applying with an idea, at least one member of the team must be based in either of these locations.

- International students are eligible to apply if they are based in Northern Ireland or County Donegal, Ireland, at the time of the application and throughout the duration of the competition.
- The entrant must be aged 18 or over by 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Entrants are permitted to enter both the main INVENT and Student Invent competitions if they meet the criteria. However, if an entrant progresses to the final stages of the main INVENT 2023 competition, they will not be eligible to compete in Student INVENT 2023.
- Previous winners of the Student Invent competition are not eligible to apply with the same idea.

### **3. Scoring Criteria and Judging**

Please see [here](#) for scoring criteria.

#### **a. Decisions and Feedback**

The Judge's decision at each stage of the competition is final. Feedback is available to each Entrant. If an Entrant wishes to receive feedback, they must contact the Organiser within 1 week of receiving their results. Please note that feedback will only be provided via an online call with the Organiser.

### **4. Winning and Prize Money**

The winners of Student Invent 2024 will be announced at the INVENT Awards ceremony on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. At least one member of the team must be present at the INVENT Awards night on 3<sup>rd</sup> October in order to be eligible to win. If no member of the team is available to attend the awards ceremony, they will not be eligible to win.

Winners must send the Organiser their bank details within 2 weeks of the announcement and the Organiser will ensure payment within 2 months of receiving these details.

The Organiser will not be responsible if the Entrant fails to provide its bank details.

## 5. Intellectual Property (IP)

Intellectual Property must be owned by the Entrant or alternatively the Entrant must have appropriate permission from the owner to enter the competition. For the avoidance of doubt, Entrants are responsible for ensuring that they own the relevant intellectual property in their innovations or have the appropriate permissions to use the intellectual property for the purpose of entry into the Student Invent competition and otherwise, and the Organiser shall have no responsibility to the Entrant(s) in this regard.

Before submitting applications, all Entrants are encouraged to confirm with legal advisors that any intellectual property described in their application is protected by the owner, i.e. by appropriate intellectual property filings, notices, (patent, copyright, etc).

The Organiser also recommends that Entrants determine in advance whether the innovation described in their application relates to an invention, copyrightable work or other intellectual property owned by a third party and that they have been granted permission to use the innovation and to enter this competition in accordance with the relevant third party's policy. If an Entrant is applying from a university or research institution, the relevant Technology Transfer Office is available to answer any related questions.

For any doubts about the legal status of the Entrant's own or third-party intellectual property or any other aspect of their application, the Organiser advises the Entrant to seek independent legal advice.

The Entrant agrees that the Organiser may, in its sole discretion, make the entry available on its [website](#) and in any other media, whether now known or invented in the future, and in connection with any publicity of the competition. The Entrant hereby grants the Organiser a non-exclusive, worldwide, irrevocable licence in perpetuity, for the full period of the intellectual property rights in the competition entry and any accompanying materials, to use, display, publish, transmit and store the intellectual property rights in the entry and any accompanying materials for such purposes.

## 6. Catalyst Data Protection Policy

The Organiser takes Entrant's privacy seriously and will only process Entrant's personal information for the purposes of carrying out the INVENT programme. Our privacy policy can be found here:

<http://www.wearecatalyst.org/programme/privacy-policy/>

Any personal data relating to Entrants will be used solely in accordance with current (UK) data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to a third party without the Entrant's prior consent.

## **7. Publicity and Promotion**

Photography and videography may be taken at events throughout the programme. These images and videos may be used for promotional and marketing purposes related to the Student Invent 2024 competition.

At the Final stage, successful Entrants may be announced on public channels, including Catalyst's website, social media platforms, and press releases. By participating in the competition, Entrants consent to the use of their name, image, and relevant information for these promotional activities. If there are any concerns or objections regarding the use of specific content, Entrants are encouraged to communicate this to the Organiser.

## **8. Liability and Indemnification**

The Organiser shall not be held liable for any claims, damages, losses, or liabilities arising out of or related to an Entrant's involvement in the Student Invent 2024 competition. Entrants agree to indemnify and hold the Organiser harmless from any legal actions, disputes, or liabilities that may arise during or after the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, claims of intellectual property infringement, breaches of confidentiality, or any other legal disputes between entrants. Entrants acknowledge and accept that they participate in the competition at their own risk, and the Organiser shall not be responsible for any consequences resulting from the Entrants' involvement.

## **9. Ethical Considerations**

The Student Invent 2024 competition places a strong emphasis on ethical considerations throughout the innovation process. Entrants are expected to ensure that their innovations align with ethical norms and legal standards. This includes a commitment to avoiding any innovations that may cause harm, discrimination, or violate established regulations. Entrants should prioritise transparency, integrity, and social responsibility in the development and presentation of their innovations.

The Organiser reserves the right to assess and evaluate entries based on ethical criteria, and any concerns regarding ethical considerations will be thoroughly reviewed. If at any stage it is determined that an Entrant's

innovation raises ethical concerns, the Organiser may take appropriate actions, including disqualification from the competition. Entrants are encouraged to seek guidance from the Organiser if they have questions or require clarification on ethical considerations related to their innovations.

## 10. Code of Conduct

Entrants, Mentors, Judges and any other involved parties are expected to adhere to a high standard of conduct throughout the Student Invent 2024 competition. This includes, but is not limited to, respectful and professional behaviour, honesty, integrity, and collaboration. Disruptive, offensive, or unethical conduct is strictly prohibited.

It is essential for all individuals to contribute to a positive and inclusive environment, fostering innovation and collaboration.

Any concerns or reports of a breach of the code of conduct should be promptly communicated to the Organiser for review and resolution.

## 11. Governing Law & Jurisdiction

These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of Northern Ireland. The Entrant irrevocably agrees that the courts of Northern Ireland shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with these terms and conditions or its subject matter or formation.

## 12. Breach of Terms and Conditions

If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of the Terms and Conditions, the Organiser may, at its sole discretion, reserve the right to exclude an Entrant from the competition.

The decision of the Organiser in such matters is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the decision.

## 13. Key Dates 2024

**Please note the mandatory dates.** If an Entrant is not able to attend the mandatory dates, the Organiser reserves the right to withdraw the Entrant from the competition.

*[Dates are subject to change at the organiser's discretion]*

DATE	ACTIVITY
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Launch & Applications open
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Applications close
18 <sup>th</sup> June - 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Shortlisting and invitation to interview
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Pitch Prep Evening [In-person, Location TBC]  Evening of learning
5 <sup>th</sup> September <b>MANDATORY</b>	Student Final Pitches [In-person, Catalyst, Belfast]  Template and guidance will be provided in advance
3 <sup>rd</sup> October <b>MANDATORY</b>	<b>INVENT AWARDS NIGHT [Evening, ICC Belfast]</b>  Our awards event for the main INVENT and Student INVENT competitions. We will have 600 guests from a range of backgrounds attending a drinks reception, followed by a gala dinner and the announcement of the category and overall winners of the competition.  This is a brilliant opportunity for you to meet the INVENT finalists, get some exposure, grow your networks and celebrate your hard work on the programme.

The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition and these terms and conditions. Any changes to the competition will be notified to the Entrants as soon as possible via email.

## 14. Contact Details

For any questions, please contact the Organiser using this email address:  
[invent@wearecatalyst.org](mailto:invent@wearecatalyst.org)

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