

Curtinnovation Awards 2024

Terms and Conditions

1. To be eligible to apply for the Curtinnovation Awards, the Lead Applicant must be either:
 - a) currently employed or enrolled at Curtin University;
 - b) a graduate of Curtin University;
 - c) a current or prospective industry partner of Curtin University; or
 - d) a graduate of our Curtin Ignition or Curtin Accelerate programs.
2. Entries from all faculties and institutes will be considered with entries from the Arts, Social Sciences and Design disciplines especially encouraged.
3. The Competition is being run by Curtin University, GPO Box U1987, Perth, Western Australia, 6845 (“Curtin”).
4. The Curtinnovation Awards (“the Competition”) is open to individuals or teams. Individuals or teams may make multiple entries, provided each entry relates to a different idea.
5. All individuals who would need to be acknowledged at the awards ceremony must be listed on the application form. Failure to name individuals connected to your project is the responsibility of the Lead Applicant.
6. Entries which have previously won a prize are ineligible to apply. Individuals or teams who have previously won an award but are applying with a different project are eligible to apply.
7. The Lead Applicant will be advised via email in the event of their project being shortlisted for the next stage in the Competition (Pitch Day).
8. The Lead Applicant will need to nominate one or more individuals to present a pitch to a panel of judges for the Pitch Day on a date to be determined.
9. Shortlisted teams will be given a minimum of one week to prepare their pitches, during which time the intended presentation must be viewed by a Commercialisation staff member.
10. Final presentation slides must be submitted to the Commercialisation office by the deadline emailed to Lead Applicant.
11. No pitch may exceed the maximum allowed time. The maximum allowable time will be communicated to the Lead Applicant when they are notified of their shortlisting status. Pitches will be judged on all information delivered up to the maximum allowed time limit, and the judges will disregard any information outside the specified time limit.
12. All decisions of Curtin University (including those of the short-listing and judging panels) are final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding reviews of judging decisions.

13. 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.
14. Winners will receive certificates, cash prizes and/or in-kind prizes.
Prize money may be subject to tax, and 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:
15. Instructions on how to enter and other details contained within promotional advertisements for this Competition form part of the conditions of entry.
16. By entering the Competition, entrants agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions.
17. The Terms and Conditions of the Competition are governed by the laws of the State of Western Australia.
18. The Competition commences at 9am Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) on Tuesday 5 March 2024.
19. The closing time for entering the Competition is 5pm AWST on Friday 3 May 2024.
20. To enter the Competition, the entrant must fill in the application form on the website and submit before the closing time.
21. 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.
22. In the event your application is shortlisted, all team members listed in the application must attend the Curtin Innovation Awards Ceremony (the Event) to be held in late August (date to be determined). The Lead Applicant is responsible for communicating details of the Event to their team and ensuring the teams' attendance on the day.
23. By entering the Competition, entrants grant Curtin permission to use their full name, project title, and details of your submission on its website and in promotional materials including videos, press releases and the official Event program. The Lead Applicant is responsible for notifying Curtin University of any information in the application form or pitch that cannot be shared publicly. Curtin University retains the right to amend the project title and description of your innovation as required to suit the promotional needs of the Competition and Event.
24. The prizes will be awarded by a judging panel comprising the Director of Commercialisation and other external parties.
25. The Lead Applicant is responsible for collecting the prize on behalf of their team.
26. If the Lead Applicant who has been contacted and been made aware of their team 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.

27. The Lead Applicant on behalf of their team will be responsible for all costs associated with collecting and using the prize.
28. Submitting an entry does not change intellectual property ownership arrangements and there is no implied transfer of intellectual property ownership as a result of entry.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.