UQ Ventures Curiosity Pitch Competition

Terms and Conditions

1 By entering this promotion, you accept these Terms and Conditions.

2 Instructions and information on how to enter this promotion form part of these Terms and Conditions.

3 The promoter is The University of Queensland (ABN 63 942 912 684) of St Lucia, Queensland, 4072 (“Promoter”).

Eligible entrants

4 To be eligible to enter this promotion, you (or someone in your team) must:

(a) be over the age of 18 years;

(b) Be enrolled as a student in one of the promoter’s programs of study, have graduated from one of the promoter’s programs of study or be a staff member of The University of Queensland;

(c) be registered for the Ventures Curiosity Program in the relevant semester and must have attended at least 4 sessions to participate in the pitching competition.

(d) demonstrate to the promoter’s reasonable satisfaction that you (or someone in your team) have participated in the program’s sessions or have the equivalent knowledge and commitment level.

How to enter

5 Entry will be open from 12:00PM AEST on Monday 28th August 2023 and closes on 11:59PM AEST on Thursday 7th September 2023 (“Entry Period”). Entries received outside of the Entry Period will not be accepted.

6 To enter, you must, during the Entry Period:

(a) Register for the pitching event via an email sent to Jacqueline Niblett, UQ Curiosity Program Lead at j.niblett@uq.edu.au by Thursday 7th September 2023.

(b) Submit your final pitching slides (presentations) via email sent to Jacqueline Niblett, UQ Ventures Curiosity Program Lead at j.niblett@uq.edu.au by 12:00pm AEST Saturday 10th September 2023.

7 You will receive one entry into the promotion by performing the activities listed in clause 6. You may not enter the promotion more than once.

8 All entries become the property of the Promoter.

Judging

9 This promotion is a game of skill. Chance plays no part in determining the winners.

10 All valid entries will be judged individually on their merits. The entries that are judged to best meet the judging criteria will be the winners for the three prize categories: The Best Business Idea, The Best Pitch Delivery, and The Most Creative Idea. The final pitch is an oral presentation of no more than five to ten minutes, which may include audio-visual materials.

Judging Criteria:
(a) Pitching Requirements. Address all the key elements of the pitch including name, problem, solution, target customers and team

(b) Problem & Solution Clarity
   (i) Understanding and articulation of problem
   (ii) Credibility of the solution

(c) Quality of the Pitch (Compelling storytelling). The storytelling is compelling and generates a strong desire from the judges and the audience to know more. There is a good consistent flow throughout the presentation and it is engaging.

(d) Creativity. The idea presented in the pitch is innovative and creative. The idea creatively solves a real-world problem. The idea is new/unique and differs from competitors in the market.

(e) Potential. The idea presented has market potential and significant impact. The idea is feasible and realistic.

(f) Overall Impression. Presentation and Q&A are clear, concise and effective overview of the venture, product or service. Ability to succinctly respond to judges’ inquiries and provide substantive answers.

11 Judging will take place during the final pitching event at 10am – 12pm AEST on Tuesday 12 September 2023 for the online cohort and at 1:00pm – 3:00pm AEST on Thursday 14 September 2023 for the in-person cohort at the Ventures Space on the ground floor of the Global Change Institute. Entries will be judged by a panel of two (2) judges for the online cohort and three (3) judges for the in-person cohort. The judges are from the UQ Ventures Startup Community.

12 The Promoter may decline to accept any entry which, in its reasonable opinion, does not comply with these Terms and Conditions.

13 The Promoter’s decision in relation to any aspect of the promotion is final and the Promoter will not enter into any correspondence regarding the result of the promotion.

Prize and notification of winners

14 The winners will receive an Amazon gift voucher to the following value:
   (a) Best Pitch Delivery Winner (Online cohort), $55 voucher;
   (b) Best Pitch Delivery Winner (Face-to-Face cohort), $55 voucher;
   (c) Best Business Idea Winner (Online Cohort), $75 voucher;
   (d) Best Business Idea Winner (Face-to-Face Cohort), $75 voucher;
   (e) Most creative Idea Winner (Online Cohort), $95 voucher;
   (f) Most creative Idea Winner (Face-to-Face Cohort), $95 voucher.

15 Prizes are not transferable and cannot be taken as cash.

16 The winners will be announced at the end of the pitching sessions (12/9/23 for the online cohort and 14/9/23 for the face-to-face cohort) and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams for the in-person session and via email using the email address provided in the entry form within 24-48 hours after the online winners have been announced.
To claim the prize, the winners must be present at the pitch final for their relevant program – online or in-person. The prize must be claimed by 30 September 2023.

If the Promoter is unable to contact a prize winner by 30 September 2023, that winner will forfeit the prize and the prize may be awarded to the next best entry (as determined by the judges). The new winner will be contacted by email using the email address provided on their entry form on or by 1 October 2023.

The prize will be delivered to the winner in person at the end of the pitching session for the in-person presentations and within 24-48 hours via email for the online presentations.

If any prize becomes unavailable for any reason, the Promoter may substitute a prize of equal or greater value.

The Promoter accepts no responsibility for any tax implications that may arise for any prize.

**Intellectual property**

You confirm and promise that your entry is original and does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party. You agree that the Promoter has an unrestricted, irrevocable, transferable, right and licence to use and modify your entry including for promotional purposes without the payment of any further fee or compensation or further reference to you, and that the Promoter can authorise other people to do any of these things. If requested by the Promoter, you agree to sign any further documentation required by the Promoter to give effect to this arrangement. To the extent permitted by law, you unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the Promoter modifying your entry as described in this clause, agree that the Promoter is not required to attribute you as author of the entry, and consent to any other act or omission that would otherwise infringe any moral rights in your entry.

**Withdrawal from promotion**

You may withdraw from the promotion at any time before notification of the winners by notifying the Promoter on email: j.niblett@uq.edu.au. If you withdraw from the promotion, the Promoter will remove your entry and will not use your details or entry for media or promotional purposes. If you withdraw from the promotion, you will no longer be eligible to win a prize.

**Miscellaneous**

Entries which, in the opinion of the Promoter, are incomplete, incorrect or incomprehensible, contain defamatory or offensive content or infringe intellectual property rights are not eligible to win and may be removed from the promotion and the relevant entrant will be disqualified.

The Promoter may, in its absolute discretion, disqualify you if, in the opinion of the Promoter, you breach these Terms and Conditions, engage in dishonest or unethical conduct in relation to the promotion, manipulate, tamper or interfere with the conduct of the promotion, do not comply with the entry process, or conspire with others to gain an unfair advantage. The Promoter may audit you if it suspects you of having engaged in such breach or conduct.

The Promoter may request information from you relevant to entry or participation in the promotion, such as proof of residency or age. The Promoter may, in its absolute discretion, disqualify you if you provide insufficient information, false information or fail to provide information.

The Promoter is not responsible for any late, lost, or misdirected entries.

The Promoter is not responsible for any delays, problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer systems, computer equipment or software, technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to your or any other person’s computer related to or resulting
from entering this promotion. If such problems arise, then the Promoter may modify, cancel, terminate or suspend the promotion.

29 To the extent permitted by law, the Promoter is not liable for any loss, damage or injury whatsoever (including, but not limited to, indirect or consequential loss) resulting from this promotion, including the taking of prizes.

30 If, for any reason, this promotion is not capable of running as planned, including war, terrorism, state of emergency or disaster, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of the Promoter which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this promotion, the Promoter reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the promotion.

31 All costs associated with entering the promotion are your responsibility.

32 You understand and agree that the Promoter may collect personal information from you when you enter the promotion, and use it for the purpose of running the promotion (which may include disclosure to third parties for the purpose of processing and conducting the promotion), for promotional purposes surrounding this promotion, as well as other purposes, as set out in the Promoter’s Privacy Policy (located at https://www.uq.edu.au/privacy). For further information on how the Promoter deals with your personal information, please refer to the Promoter’s Privacy Policy.