

The guidelines of the competition listed in this document must be read and acknowledged by all applicants of the HealthTech Challenge (HTC).

Participants Eligibility

- The purpose of HTC is to foster entrepreneurship and stimulate the development of innovative healthcare product ideas. Our objective is to create early-stage ventures led by teams with the right mix of competent and committed individuals. This will be one of the criteria used by our judges throughout to ensure that all such teams compete on the same footing.
- We believe that the most successful ventures are likely to comprise management teams that combine technical expertise and experience to develop the product and the business expertise and experience to manage the commercial development of the product.
- Teams can be no smaller than three persons and no larger than five persons.
- Teams must have at least one member affiliated with an academic institution as a postgraduate student or researcher.

Content

All entries must be the original work of the applicants. All entries and presentations (including verbal and written material) made as part of the Challenge should be made with full understanding of your Institution's regulations on Intellectual Property Rights. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that no third party, such as a research sponsor or another member of your Institution who participated in your research, has any rights on the contents which may prevent its disclosure and exploitation. Such Proprietary Information relating to the Idea should not be disclosed.

First Round Submission

By submitting a business proposal, first round applicants acknowledge and agree to be bound by terms of the 'Competitions Disclaimer' as set out in these Guidelines. As part of submitting their first-round entries, first round applicants give permission to the HTC organizers to make their submissions available to all HTC organisers and HTC officials. First round entries should submit a

business proposal, consisted of presentation slides and video 'elevator' pitch. A business proposal should include:

- 1) the problem or need for innovation
- 2) the proposed idea to solve this problem
- 3) the technical feasibility of the idea
- 4) how the team would use the £10,000
- 5) IP ownership position
- 6) the relevant expertise or skills of the team.

The proposal may be no more than 6 Power Point slides and the video should be no longer than two minutes. Such longer entries be truncated without notice or consultation before being passed to judges. *No first-round submission will be accepted after the deadline.*

Successful teams with the best eight ideas will be notified via email. The finalists will have approximately four weeks to develop more concrete business proposal and presentation for the final round. The decision of the judges is final. No correspondence will be entered in between any applicant and the judges during the competition (i.e. until after the final presentation finishes).

Mentoring Programme

Mentoring opportunity will be provided to support the finalist teams in developing their final proposal and presentation. Each of the finalist team will be assigned a mentor with different experience and expertise in the healthcare and business development areas. To develop a more concrete and comprehensive business proposal, we strongly recommend that the finalists reach out to mentors and consult with them to address and tackle the relevant business or technical issues. The team's plan on how to tackle the relevant business or technical issues will be one of the criteria used by our judges to assess how much the team contemplated the actual commercialization process.

An additional mentoring opportunity will be provided after the event for a duration of three months. All finalist teams will be assigned an experienced mentor to have support in their effort to go further with their idea.

Final Round: Live Presentation

The finalist teams must ensure that they are available for the final live presentation. The finalist teams will be asked to display a demonstrator and present to an open audience and a panel of judges consisted of healthcare and business development experts. We will provide more details of the requirements of the presentation to the finalist teams nearer the time of the event.

Teams will be given an equal amount of time to present their business proposal. Following the presentations, the panel of judges will meet and declare the Winner. The decision of the Judges will be final.

Judging

In the first round, the business proposal and video pitch will be judged by the HTC organisers and the LBS Healthcare Club Committee according to the criteria set earlier in this document.

The judging panels for the final round presentations will be coordinated by the HTC organisers. The panel of judges with expertise in the healthcare and business development sector, such as investors, entrepreneurs and others with experience of the industry.

The HTC organisers, acting on advice from the Judges, reserve the right to disqualify any entry that, in its opinion, violates the rules or the spirit of the competition.

All prizes are awarded at the discretion of the judging panel and all judging decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Judging Criteria: Final Round

The criteria against which entries will be judged as against the following criteria:

1) Scientific / technical feasibility of the idea

- *Novelty*: Is the idea innovative and differentiated from other products (those on the market and under development)?
- *Effectiveness*: Is there evidence that the product will be effective (do what it needs to do)?
- *Availability of inputs*: Can all the raw materials be readily sourced?
- *Ease of production*: Will it be possible to manufacture the product at scale and at reasonable cost?

2) Potential impact

- *Need*: Would the product fulfil a currently unmet health need?
- *Magnitude of impact*: Will the product have a significant positive impact on patients or the healthcare industry more generally? Does it address a health issue with high incidence/prevalence, deliver major improvements to health outcomes, or provide better value healthcare?

3) Feasibility of execution plan

- *Market demand*: Will there be sufficient demand for the product and are the target markets appropriate?
- *Adoption*: Are you realistic about any barriers (behavioral, economic, political) that may inhibit adoption of the new product?
- *Product pricing*: What is the value proposition for healthcare funders and other intermediaries, and will they be willing to pay for the product?
- *Sustainability of business model*: Given price and cost estimates, is there a good chance that the business can be profitable? If the idea will be launched as a not-for-profit, are there plausible funding sources – for development and/or delivery?
- *Exclusivity*: Are there ways in which the technology could be protected from imitation by competitors (e.g. via patent)?
- *Ease of implementation*: Are there logical and feasible 'next steps' to progress the idea?
- *Prize money need*: Has the team demonstrated the utility of the prize money?

4) Skills and expertise of the team

- *Skills*: Does the candidate team have a good mix of the relevant technical and business skills sufficient for progressing the idea to the next phase?
- *Pitch quality*: Is the team able to make a compelling pitch, one that is likely to engage stakeholders and secure investment?
- *Motivation*: Does the team have the drive to succeed and the desire to bring the product to market?
- *Collaboration*: Does the team work well together – good communication, mutual respect.

Prize

The winning team (as determined by the panel) will receive £10,000. A proportion will go personally to the team members. The remainder to an entity (university or start-up) for the further development of the technology into a product.

Confidentiality

Applicants acknowledge that in an open competition such as the HTC it is difficult to maintain confidentiality whilst at the same time enabling ideas to be shared and developed by other applicants. Applicants should therefore be aware that, whilst the 'Competitions Disclaimer' binds applicants to "respect the confidentiality of any information disclosed by the other applicant/s of the competition", this undertaking provides minimal protection in law. The organizers will organize optional online and offline networking opportunities to help participants to share ideas and form Teams. Applicants are strongly advised not to disclose any information that may compromise their ability to secure protection of their intellectual property since such information will be available to other applicants. First round entries will be seen only by the HTC organisers.

Final round presentation will be seen by the HTC organisers, the judging panel, and others invited to attend the final event.

Intellectual property protection

The organisers will ensure that all applicants acknowledge the 'Competitions Disclaimer' agreement. The organiser, LBS, will take no further responsibility to protect the intellectual property or any other rights of any applicant. The protection of intellectual property or other rights of the applicants is the ultimate responsibility the applicant in who possesses such intellectual property or other rights. If in doubt, applicants should seek professional advice on the issues surrounding Intellectual Property Ownership and Rights.

Competition Disclaimer

By submitting a business proposal to the competition, the applicants agree to the following conditions:

Originality: The Ideas embodied in entries are the original work of the applicant(s) and their exploitation will not, to the best knowledge of the applicant(s) (but without having made any specific enquiries) infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party. Neither the ideas nor the applicant(s) is subject to any agreement or restriction which would prohibit or restrict the disclosure or submission of the entry to the HTC or exploitation of the ideas in accordance with the entry concerned.

Compliance: Applicants confirm that they have read the rules and certify that their entry complies with, and they agree to abide by, those rules.

Liability: Applicants acknowledge that the officials are volunteers, assisting with a student run, free competition, and have no duty to provide any advice or service to any applicant. In particular, but without limitation, any views expressed by officials are their own opinions, given in good faith, and not those of the LBS, its subsidiaries, the organisers, officials or any other person or entity. Teaching or mentoring is provided as a help and is not a substitute for professional advice necessary to develop any idea into a commercial venture.

Applicants understand that the officials will take reasonable steps to keep entries confidential, subject to the need to share and circulate information as necessary to facilitate smooth running of the competition.

They acknowledge and agree that legal protection of the intellectual property rights in any entry is the sole responsibility of the applicants. In consequence they understand and agree that, save in relation to personal injury or death caused by negligence or in respect of fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, (a) No warranties are made in relation to the competition or views expressed by or conduct of officials; and that (b) Neither the officials nor LBS shall be liable for any damages or expenses of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising (and whether in contract, tort, negligence or for breach of statutory duty or misrepresentation) in connection with an entry, the competition or views given by officials, including without limitation any indirect, incidental or consequential loss.

Prize: The Applicants understand that receiving the prize comes with specific conditions, laid out in the Prize section of the Rules.

Confidentiality: The Applicants agree to respect the confidentiality of any information disclosed by the other Applicant/s of the Competition.

Definition

- **HealthTech:** Any innovative healthcare product, medical devices, procedure, aid or software – but excluding stand-alone smartphone ‘Apps’ or new biologicals
- **Business proposal:** High level execution plan; could be a not-for-profit or commercial business proposal
- **HTC:** The HealthTech Challenge
- **Applicant:** Team of individuals who submits a business proposal
- **Entry:** The material submitted by the applicants
- **Finalist:** Teams that are selected to take part in the Final Round Presentation
- **Organisers:** Members of the HTC Committee and designated representatives of LBS
- **Officials:** HTC organisers, Judges, and mentors