

Terms & Conditions SIC 2023

Maastricht, 27th February 2023

Terms and Conditions of the Student Idea Competition (hereafter the ‘SIC’ or the ‘Competition’, by the Maastricht University (hereafter, ‘UM’), through the Student Project Team (hereafter, ‘SPT’).

All participants must agree to the following Terms & Conditions upon their registration in order to be able to participate in the Competition.

Registration:

- Participants must be enrolled at the UM for the duration of the Competition.
- **The deadline for participants to register is the 21th of April 2023 at 23:59h CET. A draft of the Project Proposal must be handed in to the SPT via email before 23rd of April 2023 at 23:59h CET. The final Project Proposal must be handed in via email no later than the 30th of April 2023 at 23:59h CET.** Proposals handed in past this deadline will not be taken into consideration.
- Project Proposals should be sent to the SPT via email on studentprojectteam@maastrichtuniversity.nl
- Upon registration and onwards, participants agree on their data being processed, in line with the GDPR and UM privacy policy.

Projects:

- Each idea submitted must:
 - Be valuable for UM students as a whole, accessible to all UM students, and not benefiting only a single faculty;
 - The main aim of the idea is to improve the student life at UM;
 - Be feasible to realize and implement.
- Each idea must be the result of the common efforts of the group pitching it (or the individual), thus each group or the individual shall own the intellectual property of the pitched idea. Plagiarism checks will be put in place. Any well-founded claim of plagiarism or breach of the Terms & Conditions shall be sufficient ground for automatic disqualification.
- Projects need to fulfil the criteria and rules outlined in these Terms & Conditions (as well as all the connected documents on the SIC provided by the SPT).
- Each project shall include a (rough) overview of the expected implementing timeframe.
- Each project shall include a (rough) budgetary overview of how the project could be effectively implemented with the prize money.
- The SPT reserves the right to reject projects deviating from the Terms & Conditions. In such case, the SPT will inform the group or the individual and allow for modification of their proposal within a specified timeframe. Should the modified project proposal fail to meet the criteria, the participant(s) will not be allowed to continue the Competition.

Attendance and timeline:

- Participants commit to follow the following timeline:
 - 6th March– Opening of registrations
 - *Students (individually or in groups) can start submitting their ideas for the Competition.*
 - **Please note: participants must be enrolled at Maastricht University during the entire period of the Competition.*

- 21th April at 23:59h CET – Closing of registrations
 - 23th April at 23:59h CET – Submission deadline for first draft of project proposals
 - *The draft submissions do not need to be final. However, proposals should provide a comprehensive overview of the proposed ideas.*
 - 24th April – 1st workshop
 - *This workshop consists of two sessions in which participants will be assisted in idea/project development.*
 - 26th April – 2nd workshop
 - *This workshop consists of two sessions in which participants will be assisted in pitching their ideas/project and improving communication skills.*
- *Please note: Participation in both workshops is mandatory. Exceptions may be granted with prior approval by the SPT.*
- 30th April – Submission final proposal of the projects.
 - 12th May Competition Day and Award Ceremony
 - *Participants will pitch their projects to the jury within the allocated timeframe. Later that day, the jury will decide on the winning groups and the SPT will announce the winners during the Final Ceremony the same day.*

- Each group shall ensure that at least one member for each team competing will attend each workshop offered throughout the Competition (although each member is expected to take part). Workshops are aimed at strengthening and improving the participants' knowledge and skills necessary during the course of the Competition. Thus, workshops constitute an important part of the SIC and its educational component. Further details on the workshops' location, timing, and speakers shall be announced by the SPT at a later date.

-The final round of the Competition will take place on the 12th of May 2023. Each project will be pitched in front of a jury composed of about five experts in the field. (Exact details to be provided on the [website](#) and/or communicated directly to the participants by the SPT). Presence of all participants is mandatory during the Pitch and the Award Ceremony.

-Past winning ideas/projects are in principle, allowed to re-enter the Competition on the condition that it can be demonstrated that there is a new element to the project that requires implementation.

Winning projects:

- Each winning group will be awarded a monetary prize. The group positioning on first place will be awarded 1000 Euro, second place winners will be awarded 750 Euro and third place 500 Euro. The prize money is allocated per project, not per members.

- There may be a possibility for one of the winning teams to win up to an extra 200 Euro for getting the most votes from the UM student population. Further details on this possibility will be provided by the SPT.

- Each winning group commits itself to implement the idea within the timeframe agreed upon with the SPT, unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Within one month after the final Ceremony, a catch-up meeting between the winning teams and the SPT will be organized, to discuss whether and how the SPT can assist the winning groups in the

implementation. After the implementation of the winning projects, the winning teams shall submit a brief written progress/feedback report. The report shall be sent by email to the SPT.

- In the first semester of the academic year 2023/2024, a short informal final feedback meeting will be organized with the new SPT members to reflect the implementation process. This meeting obligation shall be lifted if the students involved in the project have graduated by that time or at the discretion of the SPT.

Final provisions:

- The SPT reserves the right to deviate from the outlined rules in case of force majeure.
- The SPR reserves the right to reject any applicant(s).
- More detailed information about the course of the Competition will be provided by email (or other necessary communication channels) to all the participants of the Competition upon their registration.
- Participants agree to the recording of images of them and their projects throughout the Competition for promotion purposes.
- Participant data will be processed in line with the GDPR and UM privacy policy.
- Winners must spend the prize money on implementation of their projects.
- The dates mentioned in this document are provisional and thus subject to change as the situation may require. Nevertheless, the SPT will strive to keep to these dates and communicate any changes as necessary with the participants.