



Innovation Competition

Rules



1. **Your Ideas Matter**

We're looking for ideas that can improve life in some way! The winning idea will be chosen by our judges based on how innovative it is and its potential to make a big impact.

2. **Think Big**

Your idea can focus on any aspect of the human or natural world—local, national, or global. It can be technical, organisational, artistic, or something else entirely. We've included some theme suggestions in the appendix, but feel free to tackle any issue you're passionate about!

3. **Special Prize Alert**

The Chowdhury Family is offering a special award for a simple, creative, and practical idea that supports global health.

4. **Make It Feasible**

Your idea should be practical and achievable, but it doesn't have to be completely new or fully developed.

5. **Teamwork or Solo**

You can submit entries individually or as part of a team of up to four people.

6. **Enter as Many Times as You Like**

Got lots of ideas? Go ahead and submit them all!

7. **Who Can Enter?**

This competition is open to students attending secondary schools, sixth-form colleges, or equivalent institutions in areas supported by the STEM Hub at Canterbury Christ Church University (Kent, Medway, Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, West Berkshire, Reading, Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire). If you're not sure if your school is eligible, feel free to ask the organisers!

8. **Entry Requirements**

Your entry should:

- Fit on one A4 page (plus sketches or photos if needed).
- Include the name of your idea, your name, and your school.

- Explain the problem you're solving and why your idea is better than other solutions.
- Share any research you've done, including market potential and cost details.
- Be submitted as a PDF.
- Be accompanied by a cover email listing all team members, their schools, ages, and a contact email.
Note: Missing details may result in rejection.

9. **Judging Panel**

A group of local judges, selected by the Rotary Club of Canterbury, will review all entries.

10. **Final Judging in June 2025**

Shortlisted finalists will be invited to present their ideas to an audience (subject to Government guidelines). If you live within 40 miles of Canterbury, we'll expect you to attend in person. If you're further away, you can join via Teams. Presentations should be no longer than six minutes.

11. **Prizes Up for Grabs**

1st Prize: £300

2nd Prize: £100

3rd Prize: £50

Chowdhury Family Global Health Prize: £50

All finalists will receive a certificate and a book token.

All entries will receive certificate of participation.

12. **Support for Your Idea**

If we hold a formal judging event, we'll try to provide advice on protecting and developing your ideas.

13. **Your Ideas Stay Yours**

You'll retain ownership of your ideas, but please note that we can't guarantee confidentiality or protect intellectual property.

14. **Keeping in Touch**

By entering, you agree to let us keep your details on record for the competition.

15. **Let's Celebrate Your Success!**

We'd love to share your first name, photo, and some details about your idea on our social media and in competition publicity.

16. **How to Enter**

Send your entry as a PDF to innovationcompetition@canterbury.ac.uk by **31st March 2025**.

Use the subject line: "**Rotary Innovation Competition 2025**."

For more information, including competition posters and theme suggestions, visit:

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