



KICK START: 3-MINUTE PITCHING COMPETITION

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1. Eligibility

The Kick Start 3-minute Pitching Competition is open to:

1.1. All current UWS students - Students should have a current student banner number, including affiliate students and should only apply if they are achieving the recognised progression threshold for their current course of study and able to manage studies and extra commitments.

1.2. Graduates/External participant - We encourage our recent UWS alumni to participate in our competition, as long as the graduate has graduated from the university within the last two years. For external participants, as long as the team includes a lead applicant or other team members who are a current student/alumni.

1.3. UWS Staff Members - Staff members who attend the University of the West of Scotland may also participate in this competition with their business idea.

The conditions of this eligibility include:

1.4. Applicants may only enter the Competition/future competitions with the same idea a maximum of three times in total. After three entries, the idea becomes ineligible for any future entries.

1.5. Ideas must be at their early stage i.e. a business idea or early start-up and must not be able to demonstrate creation of significant value in terms of impact, revenue, or investment over a period of longer than twelve months.

1.6. Team applications will be accepted and are encouraged. Only one member of the team must satisfy the condition of eligibility under Clause 1. That team member must be named as the Lead Applicant and all other members of the team must be individually named. The Lead Applicant will be the main point of contact. It is a requirement of the Competition that the Lead Applicant should have a significant input in founding the business idea. The same business idea cannot be entered by a person both individually and as a member of a team.

1.7. Applicants must either own or have the right to use and to commercially exploit all intellectual property rights, including know-how, related to/involved in the business idea on which they base their application. UWS has the right to require any participant in the Competition to provide evidence of the right to use and to commercially exploit intellectual property rights.

1.8. UWS reserve the right to make decisions on whether an application fits the required criteria.

2. Application

2.1. Applications must be submitted to via the form provided on our competition page. If you cannot locate or access our application form then please contact a member of our team at kickstart@uws.ac.uk. You will then be required to prepare a pitch for our live event. Please download the pitching guide and FAQ'S documents from our website to find out all competition requirements.

2.2. Applications should include a clear and detailed explanation of their business idea, with appropriate evidence provided when requested.

2.3. The deadline for applications is available on our website (i3uws.co.uk), please ensure that you carefully check the deadline date. Late or incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted and UWS shall have no responsibility for applications lost or delayed in submission.

3. Judging

3.1. Following the submission of all applications, stage one of judging shall involve screening applications for eligibility, and completeness, before applications are approved.

3.2. Participants will then be required to prepare and present a live 3-minute pitch on their business idea to our panel of judges at our pitching event.

3.3. Each pitch/presentation will be scored by our judges using the judging criteria guide. All participants will receive their scores/feedback virtually after the live event.

3.4. Judges shall be bound by confidentiality and applicants may not contact any member of the judging panel in relation to the competition. Any unauthorised contact shall be considered as an attempt to influence the judging process and will result in immediate disqualification.

3.5. All pitches will be recorded on the day of the event. If you do not wish to be recorded then you can let our team aware of this. All recorded pitches will also be entered into the public vote, where an online audience will vote for the 'People's Choice Award'. The winner of this award will win a certificate, trophy and a cash prize.

4. Data Protection and Use of Information

4.1. All applicants through entering the competition agree voluntarily and without compensation, to authorise UWS Kick Start to hold data and publish information regarding the application (including business or idea name, founders' names and details, idea summary, and photographs, images or videos relating to the business or founders. We may use some of your business information/images to help promote our competition/activities through our social channels and website.

4.2. Individual's personal data shall be collected and processed for the purposes of running the competition which will include name, e-mail address, date of birth, relationship with the university, and a digital photo. Personal data will be processed and stored in accordance with provisions in the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and the Data Protection Act 2018.

4.3. Data submitted voluntarily by applicants shall be shared with judges and stored internally for the purposes of administering the competition. UWS may share data with sponsors, funders and any other party that may be necessary for the purposes of operating or promoting the competition.

4.4. All information collected by UWS will be kept confidential and only used for the purposes of running the competition. Only a limited number of individuals including the UWS Kick Start team, and the selected judges will have full access to application information. Any other use of the information provided or external promotion shall require the written permission of the applicant.

4.5. UWS reserve the right to contact all applicants with regards to the competition or additional support opportunities, or use information provided for reporting or publicity with regards to entrepreneurship activities at UWS.

4.6. The applicant acknowledges that UWS is a public authority under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and has statutory obligations to disclose certain information if requested.

4.7. All applicants agree to not disclose any confidential or commercially sensitive information obtained or disclosed to them during the competition.

4.8. Both parties agree to indemnify each other in respect of any unauthorised disclosure or other processing of personal data.

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