

# FAQs

## 1. IS THERE AN APPLICATION FEE?

- No, registration for the challenge, including all workshops and activities, is free.

## 2. ARE ALL THE WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES HELD ONLINE OR ONSITE?

- Online

## 3. AM I STILL ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE CHALLENGE IF MY AGE, AND/OR MY TEAM MEMBER'S AGE, IS LESS THAN 16 ON THE APPLICATION DEADLINE BUT OVER 16 AFTER THE APPLICATION DEADLINE; OR LESS THAN 30 ON THE APPLICATION DEADLINE BUT OVER 30 AFTER THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

- All members applying for the challenge must be between 16 and 30 years old at the time of application. You must be over 16 by the application deadline on September 10th, but it's acceptable if you are over 30 after the application deadline.

## 4. WHAT LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH IS REQUIRED?

- At least one member of your team should be proficient in English to serve as a contact person.

## 5. AM I ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER FOR THE CHALLENGE IF I AM A FULL-TIME STUDENT, EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYER, OR A CITIZEN OF ONE OF THE ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES (11 SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES) BUT AM CURRENTLY TRAVELING OUTSIDE THESE COUNTRIES?

- Yes, you are eligible to apply for the challenge.

## 6. DOES THE TEAM NEED TO SUBMIT A PROTOTYPE TO APPLY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

- No, there is no requirement for the application process except for your age and residence country.

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## 7. DO I NEED TO ATTEND ALL THE WORKSHOPS?

### - Preliminary Round:

At least one member of a team is required to attend the workshops on September 23rd - 24th, September 29th - October 30th, and October 1st.

### - Final Round:

All team members that pass the final round are required to attend the workshops on October 14th-15th and the final competition on October 21st.

## 8. WHAT SHOULD THE CIRCULAR INNOVATION ABOUT? WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

- The theme is about innovative circular economy solutions, which may include ways of using less, using longer, reusing, recycling, refurbishing, and even regenerating with bio-based materials. Projects may involve behaviour change, zero waste and waste management initiatives, and inclusive business models.

## 9. AFTER PASSING THE PRELIMINARY ROUND, WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTING AN INNOVATION/SOLUTION FOR THE FINALIST ROUND?

- Impact (25 points): The ability to create a positive impact or solve a problem, considering both qualitative and quantitative aspects.
- Feasibility (25 points): The practicality and realistic possibility of implementing the innovation or solution, including a clear plan and timeframe.
- Uniqueness (25 points): The outstanding and competitive advantages of the team's innovation compared to existing ideas.
- Relevance (25 points): The innovation or solution should align with the challenge theme as indicated in Question 8.

## 10. WHO HAS OWNERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION OR SOLUTION WHEN SUBMITTED TO THE CHALLENGE?

- Teams retain full ownership of their innovations or solutions throughout the challenge. None of our partners have the right to own and/or apply the innovations or solutions of any teams.

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## 11. DO MY TEAM MEMBERS AND I RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR ATTENDING THE CHALLENGE?

- Yes, every team member collaborating on submitting an idea to the challenge on October 5th will receive a certificate of participation. The finalists and winners of the challenge will receive certificates of achievement.

## 12. CAN WINNERS FROM THE CIRCULAR INNOVATION CHALLENGE THAT WAS ORGANIZED IN 2022 AND 2021 REAPPLY TO THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR?

- Yes, previous winners can reapply to the program. However, they cannot submit the same solution they developed in 2022 and 2021; only new solutions are acceptable.

## 13. WHAT IS THE PRIZE MONEY-RECEIVING REQUIREMENT OF THE WINNING TEAM?

- The winning team will receive the prize money in three rounds, totaling 3,000 USD, according to the following requirements:

1. The first round of 1,000 USD after winning the competition.
2. The second round of 1,000 USD after submitting a prototype and iteration.
3. The third round of 1,000 USD after submitting a business plan.