

The Eli & Britt Harari Graphene Enterprise Awards 2024

Terms and Conditions

Please read these terms and conditions in full before submitting your application. By submitting an entry into The Eli & Britt Harari Enterprise Awards 2024, you are agreeing to comply with the rules and regulations detailed below. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

1. This competition is managed by the Masood Entrepreneurship Centre.
2. The competition is open to both individuals and teams:
 - **Individuals** must be either: current students, postdoctoral researchers, or recent graduates (graduated later than 1st December 2020) of The University of Manchester.
 - **Teams** can contain up to six people, but at least half of the team must have The University of Manchester status or have graduated from the University later than 1st December 2020.
3. The deadline for receipt of entries is **12:00 noon on Thursday 23rd May 2024**
4. Postdoctoral researchers include research associates, knowledge transfer/exchange fellows, and KTP associates.
5. Registered businesses entered in to this competition must not have been trading earlier than 1st December 2020.
6. Should you reach the final round pitching day, the lead presenter must be a current student, postdoctoral researcher, or recent graduate from the University of Manchester.
7. Previous winners or winning ideas (first or second place) of this competition are not eligible to re-enter.
8. This competition is first and foremost for student-led ideas, which will ideally be based on their own original innovations, however we are open to students taking up a lead role on an academic-led project/IP based idea (Please see points 16 and 17 on university linked IP).
9. Two prizes of **£50,000** and **£20,000** will be awarded to the winner and runner up. We reserve the right to not award these prizes if the quality of the applications is insufficient.
10. Awards will be paid according to the following conditions:
 - Payments will be made into the prize winners company business bank account; no payments will be made to any personal bank accounts.
 - Payments will be made in three instalments over a 12-month period, agreed in advance by the Director of the Masood Entrepreneurship Centre.
 - Awardees will meet with a nominated advisory panel throughout a 12-month period, in which objectives and progress of the business' development will be discussed and reviewed.
11. All applications must demonstrate a concise, coherent and credible, scientific and technical application of graphene or another 2D material.

12. Applicants must follow all stages of the application process outlined by Masood Entrepreneurship Centre to be considered.
13. Applicants may request reasonable adjustments during the stages of their application. We will do our best to accommodate requests wherever possible, although it is not always possible to guarantee this. Any requests from current students will be referred to the [Disability Advisory and Support Service](#).
14. Any conflict of interest between the applicant(s) and member(s) of the judging panel must be disclosed at earliest indication.
15. If the applicant regards any part of their application as proprietary or commercially sensitive, these sections should be clearly marked as 'confidential'.
16. All IP will be managed according to the University's policy/code of conduct related to research. This is set out in The University of Manchester Intellectual Property Policy: (<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=24420>).
17. If any University linked IP is identified, the applicant should discuss their IP with a representative from the University's technology transfer office - The University of Manchester Innovation Factory - **prior to submitting an application**. The outcomes of this meeting should be summarised within the IP section of the commercial proposition.
18. The public summary provided by the applicant in the application may be used in public documentation relating to The Eli and Britt Harari Enterprise Award 2024.
19. The University of Manchester staff, authorised administrative staff, and the judges, are the only individuals who will have access to the application materials. These individuals regularly deal with sensitive information in the course of their work and will treat all information with the same care and respect for confidentiality.
20. Winners of the competition will be announced at the Eli and Britt Harari Graphene Award event, which will take place in the National Graphene Institute on **Wednesday 3rd July (17:00-19:00)**. A representative from each finalist team must attend the ceremony or, alternatively, be available to participate with a Zoom connection.
21. Successful applicants will receive complementary advice and support through the Masood Entrepreneurship Centre and its partners to develop their business proposal.
22. It is expected that the applicant will have obtained permission from their supervisor or line manager prior to entering; we reserve the right to ask for confirmation.
23. The Masood Entrepreneurship Centre will not take responsibility for any network malfunctions that may prevent individuals or teams submitting an entry in time.
24. All correspondence will be with the lead entrant listed on the competition entry using the email supplied on the application.
25. The Masood Entrepreneurship Centre reserves the right to contact applicants to validate entry information.
26. Winners will be encouraged to reference the competition in their own social media and publicity materials.
27. There can be no appeal against the decision of the judges and these decisions must be accepted as final.
28. For any questions about these Terms and Conditions, or about the competition in general, please email elibrittharariaward@manchester.ac.uk.