

## The Eli & Britt Harari Graphene Enterprise Awards 2025

### 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 2025, you are agreeing to comply with the rules and regulations detailed below. We reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions at any point.**

### **Eligibility**

1. Any current student at the University of Manchester (UG, Master's, PGT, PGR, PhD) excluding exchange students spending time at the university away from their home institution.
2. Postdoctoral researchers include research associates, knowledge transfer/exchange fellows, and KTP associates.
3. Graduates from the University of Manchester within the last 2 years (on or after 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022)
4. Teams can contain up to four people, but at least 50% of the team must have The University of Manchester status or be a graduate since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (the above criteria).
5. Entries received from entrants who have an outstanding debt for tuition fees will be null and void.
6. Registered businesses entered into this competition must not have been trading earlier than 1st December 2022.
7. Previous winners or winning ideas (first or second place) of this competition are not eligible to re-enter.
8. International students are eligible to participate in this competition but must ensure that they do not breach any visa restrictions on engaging in business activity.
9. Any employees of MEC or professionally connected colleagues may not apply.

### **Competition**

10. 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 IP section below).
11. We reserve the right to not award the prize money if the quality of the applications is insufficient or distribute the prize money differently than outlined in the competition documents.
12. 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 up to 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.

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. By applying, all entrants agree to be photographed and filmed as required by the Masood Entrepreneurship Centre to be used for marketing purposes connected to the competition.

### **Intellectual Property (IP) and Confidentiality**

15. 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>).
16. 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 application.
17. 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. To assure finalists as to the confidentiality of their proposal, all external judges will be asked to sign NDAs (non-disclosure agreements). University staff will be covered by their existing employment contracts.

**For any questions about these Terms and Conditions, or about the competition in general, please email [harari@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:harari@manchester.ac.uk).**