

What's the Big idea? Inventor Competition 2013

Terms and Conditions

This joint competition organised by the Technology Transfer Offices in Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Institute of Technology Tallaght (ITT) and Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB) aims to recognise and promote innovation and creativity within these three Institutes of Technology and is therefore only open to staff and students of those Institutes. To enter the 'What's the Big Idea? - Inventor Competition' you must have invented something that has not already been disclosed to the ITT, ITB or DIT Technology Transfer offices. Invention descriptions will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be disclosed without your written permission. Participation in this competition denotes acceptance of the competition terms and conditions.

Making an application

Simply email your entry with your contact name and details to the relevant Technology Transfer office below;

hothouse@dit.ie (DIT entries)

jack.mcdonnell@ittdublin.ie (ITT entries)

thelinc@itb.ie (ITB Entries)

Ensure you include a description of your invention and answers to the following questions:

- What have you invented?
- What are its advantages?
- Where will it be used?

You should provide evidence that to the best of your knowledge your idea/invention is not already on the market. The competition is open for entries from the 19th April 2013 to the 24th May 2013.

Judging Panel

The judging panel will comprise the following IP and commercialisation experts:

- Tom Flanagan, Head of Commercialisation, DIT
- Jack McDonnell, Industrial Liaison Manager, ITT
- Assumpta Harvey, LINC Centre Manager, ITB
- A representative from Hanna Moore & Curley

All panel members will be required to maintain absolute confidentiality in relation to all competition entries.

Judging Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the inventions:

- Originality
- Benefits
- Market potential
- Feasibility
- Commercialisation potential

The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Awards

The competition prizes are:

- €1,000 cash prize for Best Overall Invention (sponsored by Hanna, Moore & Curley)
- €500 cash prize for Best Staff, Post Grad or Researcher Invention
- €500 cash prize for Best Undergraduate Student Invention

The winners will be presented with their awards at the 'Innovation 2013' research showcase being held in DIT Aungier St on the 12th June 2013.

Winner Notification

The winners of the awards will be notified by their technology transfer office by phone or email and their names will be published on the Institute websites and to the media after the event. To protect their intellectual property there will be no details provided about the winning inventions.

Changes to Terms and Conditions

DIT, ITB and ITT technology transfer offices (TTOs) have the authority to change or modify part or parts of these terms and conditions with due cause.

Further contact

The information collected by the TTOs is in relation to this competition only. However, by submitting an entry you give your consent to them to communicate with you in the future in connection with technology transfer activities. If you do not wish to receive any further communications from the TTOs please email one of the following:

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