



MUST INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS

MUST STUDENT INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2026/2027

Powering University Innovation Systems

CALL FOR INNOVATIONS

Purpose of the Challenge

The purpose of the MUST Student Innovation Challenge is to identify, nurture and accelerate promising student innovations that address clearly defined societal, environmental, technological and economic challenges. The Challenge seeks to create an environment in which students can apply their academic knowledge to real-world problems and develop solutions with potential for impact, adoption, scalability and sustainability.

Objectives

Promote student innovation, creativity and problem-solving

Support the development and validation of student innovations

Enhance multidisciplinary collaboration and strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship capabilities

Promote responsible, inclusive and development-oriented innovation

Establish pathways for the growth and sustainability of student innovations

Priority Innovation Themes

The following themes provide areas where applicants may focus their ideas.

- ▶ Digital Transformation and Emerging Technologies
- ▶ Agriculture and Food Systems
- ▶ Climate, Environment and Circular Economy
- ▶ Health and Well-being
- ▶ Education and Skills Development
- ▶ Manufacturing, Engineering and Industrialisation
- ▶ Mining and Energy
- ▶ Entrepreneurship, Finance and Inclusive Business
- ▶ Social Innovation and Community Development
- ▶ Tourism, Culture and Creative Industries

Who can Apply?

The Challenge is open to multidisciplinary student teams comprising eligible MUST students either individually, or by a team of up to five (5) students,

- ▶ MUST undergraduate students
- ▶ ODeI students
- ▶ MUST postgraduate students
- ▶ Master's students
- ▶ Doctoral students

Benefits

- ▶ Technical mentorship, prototype development support, access to relevant laboratories and innovation facilities
- ▶ Innovation training, entrepreneurship mentorship, business development support, pitch development
- ▶ Development, market validation support, intellectual property guidance, incubation opportunities.
- ▶ Networking opportunities, exposure to industry and potential partners, opportunities for further funding; and recognition through the MUST Innovation Challenge.

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted electronically through :

Link

<https://forms.gle/Zsj8QjDSinCXqgj98>

Or Scan the QR Code



Deadline

30th October 2026

For more Information

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