

TOKYO GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE

FAQ

Q Who is eligible to apply?

A Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled at universities are eligible. Students enrolled in correspondence education programs are not eligible.

Q Can I apply from overseas?

A Yes, you can apply from overseas. However, if selected as a finalist, you will need to come to Tokyo at your own expense.

Q Can I add a friend who is good at English presentations to my team?

A Yes, that's fine. However, you cannot add members during the competition, nor can you add substitute members if someone is unable to attend. Please include all team members when you initially apply.

Q Can students from different universities form a team together?

A Yes, that's perfectly fine.

Q Can I apply with the same business plan I submitted to another contest?

A Yes, you can apply with a business plan that has been previously published in other business contest. Please indicate your publication history in the entry form when applying.

Q Can I submit entries in languages other than English?

A Entries must be in English only.

Q Are business plans for ventures I'm already operating eligible for the contest?

A No. This competition targets business plans that are still in the pre-launch phase and have not yet been implemented as active businesses.

Q Can one person participate in multiple teams?

A No, participation in multiple teams is not allowed. Please participate in only one team.

Q Can I submit multiple entries with different business plans?

A Only one entry per team is allowed.

Q How many teams can advance to the finals?

A We plan for 10 teams to advance to the finals, depending on the number of applications received.

Q What do winners receive?

A The winning team will receive prize (total amount of prize is ¥1,000,000). Various awards are also prepared for all finalist teams.

Q Who are the judges for the preliminary screening and contest finals?

A The preliminary screening is conducted by the "TOKYO GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE Executive Committee." The contest finals are judged by the following three types of judges:

- Experts affiliated with universities and research institutions
- Startup founders and business leaders
- Venture capital investors

If you have any other questions, please contact us through the inquiry form below. We will respond to your questions in order.

Inquiry Form

