

Terms and Conditions of the Business Competition

To qualify for entry, applicants must:

1. Either be aged 16 years or over and live in Moray, Perthshire or the Highlands & Islands of Scotland, or be an enrolled student of the University of Highlands & Islands or any of its academic partners
2. Not be actively trading/registered with HMRC prior to 26 March 2025.
3. Submit this completed entry form to be received by no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 26 March 2026.
4. Be available to come and discuss your idea and attend a prizegiving at UHI Inverness on Wednesday, 29 April 2026.
5. Accept that the competition organisers' and judges' decisions are final.

Our panel of experts and the competition organisers have signed a confidentiality agreement.

Accessibility

If you would like this form in another format please contact businessidea.ic@uhi.ac.uk as soon as possible with your requirements.

Advice on Completing the Form

If you have any queries about this form, e-mail businessidea.ic@uhi.ac.uk.

What happens next?

Our panel of experts will review all submitted forms and produce a shortlist. All shortlisted candidates will be invited, by appointment, to attend UHI Inverness on 29 April 2026, when they will:

1. Meet the judges to discuss their idea.
2. Be invited to the prizegiving with buffet and refreshments, from 5pm at UHI Inverness.

Please note that reasonable travel and accommodation costs may be payable to shortlisted entrants to attend the finals day on 29 April 2026, subject to agreement with the competition organisers.

Disclaimer

Entrants are responsible for ensuring that they take all necessary precautions to safeguard any Intellectual Property. Entrants should contact the administrators of this competition in advance if there are any queries regarding Intellectual Property.

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