

BE CREATIVE



HKUST President's Cup
Competition for Undergraduate Research and Innovation

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Office of the Dean of Students

OVERVIEW



The HKUST President's Cup is an annual competition for students to embark on a tenacious pursuit of excellence in research and innovation. It is a unique learning experience for students to make use of their creativity and enhance their skills and expertise in research. Through the competition, students can let their most original and innovative ideas be known and compete with each other for the prestigious President's Cup award.

ELIGIBILITY



The competition is open to undergraduate students of all years and all disciplines studying at HKUST. Students may join individually or in teams*.

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*A team must consist of no more than six members. Exchange-in students must enter in a team that also consists of one or more degree-seeking students. For details, please visit the competition website.



STAGES

To win the President's Cup, students must go through a rigorous selection process. The competition generally lasts from late September to early May, where students engage in researches on topics of their own interests. There are two elimination rounds before the finalists make their oral presentations to contend for the title of President's Cup Winner.

FIRST ROUND

Late September

Call for entries

Early November

Deadline of entry submission

End of November

Announcement of first round results

SEMI FINAL

Late March

Deadline of semi-finalists' final report submission

April

Project Exhibition

End of April

Announcement of semi-final results

FINAL

Early May

Final oral presentation by finalists

Early May

Announcement of final results

Mid May
Meeting the President cum
Award Ceremony

WINNERS





PRIZES

There are three classes of awards: President's Cup, Gold and Silver. The eminent winners get an extravagant treatment for winning the prestigious awards. Winners are entitled to trophies, certificates and cash prizes*. In addition, a gathering with the President is arranged for the winners to present their projects to the President, at which everyone can exchange ideas on their research topics. Winners are also invited to the HKUST Congregation where they are presented with the President's Cup trophies on stage. On top of that, the award-winning projects may be recommended to participate in the Challenge Cup[^], a national academic competition held every two years.

* Cash prizes amounts are subject to differ from year to year. Please visit the competition website for details.

[^] Recommendation is subject to the rules of the competition and is not guaranteed.

To enter the competition, students must submit a concept proposal of their project before the application deadline.

Entries can be in one of the following categories:

I. Academic paper or survey report in any field
- can be based on final year projects, case studies, and term papers

II. Invention / Innovation / New software / Novel idea

Each year in September, an invitation email is sent to all undergraduate students to encourage applications. Interested students should watch out for our emails or contact the Office of the Dean of Students for details.

MAKING AN ENTRY





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