



Inventor of the Month Competition

€250 prize vouchers
for the best invention each month



Terms and Conditions

This joint competition organised by the Technology Transfer Offices in Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Institute of Technology Tallaght (ITTD), Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB), Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology (IADT) and the National College of Ireland (NCI) aims to recognise and promote innovation and creativity within these Institutions and is therefore only open to staff and students of those Institutions. To enter the 'Inventor of the Month Competition' you must have invented something that has not already been disclosed to the DIT, ITTD, ITB, IADT or NCI 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 complete and email your institute's Invention Disclosure Form (available on the competition website) to the relevant Technology Transfer office below;

hothouse@dit.ie (DIT entries)

jack.mcdonnell@itttdublin.ie (ITTD entries)

thelinc@itb.ie (ITB entries)

linda.carroll@iadt.ie (IADT entries)

bertie.kelly@ncirl.ie (NCI entries)

Ensure you complete the Invention Disclosure Form to the best of the ability. If you have a query with regard to completing the form, please email the relevant contact above.

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 11th September 2015 to the 31st December 2015.

Judging Panel

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

- Tom Flanagan, Head of Commercialisation, DIT
- Jack McDonnell, Industrial Liaison Manager, ITTD
- Assumpta Harvey, LINC Centre Manager, ITB
- Dr. Mark Riordan, Head of Strategic and Postgraduate Development, IADT
- Bertie Kelly, Commercial Manager, NCI

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 represent €250 gift vouchers awarded between October 2015 and January 2016. Additional prizes may be promoted and awarded throughout the duration of the competition at the discretion of the organisers. Where a winner is an employee of a participating institution and has received additional benefits-in-kind during the same financial year, the €250 prize may be subject to PAYE/PRSI.

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 limited details provided about the winning inventions.

Changes to Terms and Conditions

The DIT, ITB, ITTD, IADT Dun Laoghaire and NCI 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:

stephen.davis@dit.ie (Marketing Officer, DIT Hothouse)

jack.mcdonnell@ittdublin.ie (Industry Liaison Manager, ITTD)

assumpta.harvey@itb.ie (LINC Centre Manager, ITB)

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bertie.kelly@ncirl.ie (Commercial Manager, NCI)

About the Dublin Region Innovation Consortium

The Dublin Region Innovation Consortium (DRIC) is an Enterprise Ireland funded research and innovation collaboration representing DIT, IT Blanchardstown, ITTD Dublin, IADT Dun Laoghaire and National College of Ireland, supported by DIT Hothouse, the Innovation and Technology Transfer Office at DIT.

