



University of Macau & Bank of China Trophy

UltiMater Entrepreneur Competition

Competition Regulation

1. Introduction:

In order to speed up the process of industrialization and increase the conversion rate of research results, as well as to form an active innovative research and development ecosystem, the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) of the University of Macau (UM) organizes the first UltiMater Entrepreneur Competition, focuses on recruiting innovation projects in the fields of big data / artificial intelligence, robotics / intelligent manufacturing, new materials, financial technology, biomedicine / Big health, low carbon technology / sustainable development. Aims to provide opportunities for students to conceive and evaluate their business plans and prepare them for future entrepreneurship. The winning team will be granted the opportunity to incubate in the CIE of UM (National Co-working Space) for 18 months, and can be recommended by the Centre to apply for the "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Funding Scheme" of the University of Macau Development Foundation, and the "Funding Scheme for Industry-University-Research Partnership for Enterprises" of the Macao Science and Technology Development Fund, to further implement its business plan and docking entrepreneurial resources and market demand. The total value of regular services enjoyed by the incubation companies during the incubation period is over MOP150,000.

2. Target:

The Competition is open to all current tertiary students of Macao higher education institutes and Macao residents studying in higher education institutes outside Macao.





3. Awards:

The Competition is title sponsored by **Bank of China** (**Macau**). Cash awards of the Macao Regional Competition are listed below. The final 3 teams will be granted the opportunity to incubate in the CIE of UM (National Co-working Space).

Awards	Prize
First Place	MOP50,000
Second Place	MOP30,000
Third Place	MOP10,000
Outstanding Prize (3 teams)	MOP5,000 each
Best Trade Show Award	MOP5,000
Best Elevator Pitch Award	MOP5,000

4. Schedule:

Date (Tentative)	Activity	
16 April 2024	Acceptance of Application	
28 May 2024	Deadline of Application & Submission of <u>Executive</u> <u>Summary and Declaration</u>	
12 June 2024	Announcement of 1st Round Result (Top 12), Assignment of Mentors	
26 June 2024 morning	UltiMater Camp : Elevator Pitch, Workshop of Deepening Business Plan and Roadshow Skills	
26 June 2024 afternoon	UltiMater Camp : Lecture of Law popularization and Tech-Startup Experience Sharing	
10-20 July 2024	The Top 12 teams will be recommended to Shenzhen to participate in the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Pilot Elite Program Training Camp jointly organized by Shenzhen University and the University of Macau	
31 July 2024	Submission Deadline of Presentation Materials for Business Plan (the Most Updated Version PPT of the Project) & Materials of Trade Show	
21 August 2024 morning	2nd Round Competition (Top 12 to Top 6), Presentation of Business Plan	
21 August 2024 afternoon	Final Round (Business Plan Presentation)	
21 August 2024 morning	Exchange Dinner	
07 November 2024	Iber 2024 Top 12 Trade Show and Award Ceremony	

*The University of Macau reserves the right to change the dates due to unexpected circumstances and will update applicants if the need arises.





5. Judging Process:

5.1 Judging Panel

The Judging Panel will be composed of entrepreneurs, investors and academics invited by the University.

5.2 Judging Assessment

There will be 3 rounds of assessment:

5.2.1 Round 1 Assessment: Executive Summary

- Participating teams are required to submit a **4-page** executive summary to present their business plan together with the application of the competition.
- The assessment will focus on the innovativeness, feasibility and viability of the proposed product / service.
- 12 teams will be selected and they are required to attend the Entrepreneurship Training Workshop, Seminar and Exchange Activities.
- Each selected team will be assigned a mentor.

5.2.2 <u>Round 2 Assessment: Elevator Pitch & Business Plan Presentation</u>

Elevator Pitch

- The elevator pitch will be hold during the **UltiMater Camp**.
- Only one member from each team can be assigned to make a 90-second presentation and a session of 3-minute question and answer in front of judging panel.
- Winner of the Elevator Pitch will be decided based on the scores given by the judging panel.
- The scoring of the Elevator Pitch will contribute 30% of the second round assessment.

Business Plan Presentation

• The 12 finalist teams are required to submit an enhanced business plan (no more than 15 PowerPoint slides) after participating the **UltiMater Camp**.





- The assessment will focus on the value proposition of the product/ services, and on the practicability of the plan execution and fundability potential.
- The 12 finalist teams will be divided into three groups with 6 teams in each group.
- Each team will conduct a 10-minute presentation in Chinese followed by up to 10 minutes of Q&A. It is not compulsory for all team members to speak in the presentation, but the whole team should be there for the Q&A section. The judging panel would ask questions to specific members of the team as per their role and expertise.
- The scoring of the Business Plan Presentation will contribute 70% of the second round assessment.
- The top 3 teams of each group will enter the Final Round Presentation, and 6 teams in total with enter the Final Round Presentation.

5.2.3 Final Round Assessment: Business Plan Presentation

• The 6 finalist teams will make the final presentations. The format will be the same as the Business Plan Presentation in Round 2. It is not compulsory for all team members to present in the presentation, but the whole team should be there for the Q&A section.

6. Registration Method:

6.1 Eligibility:

- The team is NOT required to be a registered company. The team can be an early stage company that had established no more than 3 years. The company can be at inventor stage or seed stage where there is an idea, a concept, or even a product, but little or no income has been generated yet.
- Companies that have received prior investment of more than RMB10,000,000, or ventures that have been in establishment/ operation for more than 3 years, are NOT allowed to join the Competition.





6.2 Formation of team:

- The size of each team must be between 2 to 5 members, among which at least one members should be:
 - 1) Current tertiary students of Macao higher education institutes; or

2) Macao residents studying in higher education institutes outside Macao.

- The participated team must registered all team members at the time of registration. Changes of team members are not allowed after Round 2 Business Plan submission.
- The team members of each team need to hold no less than 50% ownership of the proposed company / project. Moreover, the relevant technology of the project (if has), should be held by:
 1) Current tertiary students of Macao higher education institutes; or 2) Macao residents studying in higher education institutes outside Macao; or 3) Tutor / Advising Professor of the team.
- The ownership of the company / project should not be changed during the Competition.
- A team leader should be identified for each team, who will be point-of-contact with the Competition organizer.
- Each participant can only join up to 1 team. The team will be disqualified from the entire competition if repeated registration is found.

6.3 Registration Detail:

- Registration is open from now on until **28 May 2024**.
- Please fill in the e-form, submit a 4-page Executive Summary and declaration for application.
 Here is the application link: <u>https://go.um.edu.mo/1zzy8bsb</u>
- Team name has to be the same as company name and it is not allowed to be changed during the competition.
- Each team is ONLY permitted to submit 1 Executive Summary for Round 1 Assessment.
- There will not be a limit on the topics for submission, however, we encourage applicants to focus on the technology and innovation driven business. The topics can be related to nanotechnology, information technology, renewable energy, environment, healthcare, financial services, logistics and social enterprise, etc.
- All the materials and declaration should be submitted online. Hard copies will NOT be accepted.
- All the materials should be written in Chinese. Entries must be the original work of entrants.





- 6 shortlisted teams from Round 2 assessment are required to join the Final Round, as well as the activities of Trade Show and Award Ceremony in November 2024.
- Organizer reserves the right to verify the team's company information and the team should be cooperated with the organizer's work.

7. Writing Guideline:

7.1 <u>Round 1 Assessment: Executive Summary (4-page in PDF format)</u>

- 1. Please state the team name, name of team leader and team composition. Please use the product/ service as file name.
- It is a summary of the entire business plan which should provide information on <u>feasibility and</u> <u>viability</u> of the proposed product/ service.
- 3. The focus should be on the innovativeness of the proposed product, service or business model.
- 4. It should introduce your business and product, and highlight its strengths.
- 5. It should be written in single space in A4 size. Please use 12-point 新細明體 and insert page number. The size of file should not exceed 5MB.
- 6. Additional pages, cover page, appendices are not allowed and will result in disqualification.
- 7. Below are some suggested contents for reference:
 - <u>Mission Statement</u> it explains what your business is all about; what problem you are trying to solve and how. It should be explained in a few sentences.
 - <u>Company Information</u> it covers the date of your business establishment, the names of founders and their roles, as well as number of existing employees.
 - <u>Products/ Services</u> briefly introduce your products or services and provide proof on its feasibility and viability. We will not accept any technology or innovation that is violating the physical law or assuming the product is produced based on a technology only can be realized by imagination.
 - <u>Potential Market</u> it explains why there is a need in your target market and how your business satisfies their needs.
 - Summary of your company's future plans.





7.2 Round 2 Assessment: Business Plan (no more than 15 PowerPoint slides in PDF format)

The business plan should be condensed and to explain the <u>value proposition</u> of your product/service, and should explain the practicability of the plan execution and fundability potential. Below are some suggested contents for reference:

- 1. Brief outlines such as name of your business, description of your product/service.
- 2. Summarize the problem or opportunity that you have identified in the market and address how your product or service address the problem.
- 3. Product development plan. What is the target market size? General pricing plan for the products or services.
- 4. Marketing strategies to attract customer base, distribution plan, sales channel.
- 5. Main competition to the company. Competitive advantage by explaining how the product/service differs from other offerings.
- 6. Briefly summarize the team competence which makes your business plan happens.
- 7. Startup budget: budget plan and projected cash flow. Exit Strategy.

8. Enquiries:

For any enquiries, please contact:

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