

Public Health into Action: Student Knowledge Exchange Competition

FAQs

Programme Scope

1. How can I tell if our team's project concept is considered "Knowledge Exchange"?
Knowledge Exchange is the process to encourage the sharing of ideas, data, experience and expertise which is mutually beneficial to all parties involved.

If you have questions about whether your proposal is eligible, you are most welcome to join the *Talk on Knowledge Exchange* on **16 April 2021**.

2. Is there any geographical boundary for the Competition (e.g. a survey with residents outside Hong Kong, a web exercise or Zoom meeting with participants from outside Hong Kong)?
No, there is no geographical boundary for the Competition, so far as the deliverables are realistic.
3. Is it necessary for us to collaborate with community partners in our project implementation?
No, it is not a pre-requisite. However, partnership with community partners may benefit your project delivery if your deliverables require the support of an organisation, such as an NGO or a school.
4. If our project is not technology-based, will it be accepted?
Yes, this competition is open to both technology-based projects and projects using non-technological solutions, as long as they can help empower the community to improve health and well-being.

Eligibility

1. I am a part-time student of the MPH programme. Am I eligible?
Yes, all current students from the HKU School of Public Health by the date of proposal submission, including full-time and part-time students of BASc(GHD), MPH, MPhil and PhD, are eligible for the Competition.
2. I am student of the HKU School of Public Health and also a paid staff of the University, am I eligible?
Yes, all current students of the HKU School of Public Health are eligible.
3. I am expected to graduate in August 2021, but the project deliverables of our team are scheduled to be implemented in September 2021. Am I still eligible?
Yes, current students who are registered students of HKUMed **on or before 6 June 2021** are qualified contestants.

4. If I don't have a working partner, can I join the competition as an individual?
This competition is designed to encourage team work among students. Each team must be comprised of at least 2 students of HKUMed, and the team coordinator from the HKU School of Public Health.
5. Can I form teams with people outside HKUMed?
No, this competition is open only to current students of HKUMed, and the team coordinator must be a current student of the HKU School of Public Health.
6. If only one member of our team is from the HKU School of Public Health (HKUSPH), will our project be ranked lower than other teams with most of their members from HKUSPH?
We treat all proposals on their merits based on the selection criteria specific to this competition. The composition of the team has no bearing on the judging score.

Project Deliverables

1. In view of social distancing measures under the COVID-19 pandemic, my proposed ideas to engage with the community may be affected. Can the deadline of project deliverables be extended?
All contestants are advised to come up with a contingency plan if face-to-face interaction with the community is a key element of your project, which may be affected by social distancing restrictions under the pandemic.
2. If we have several items of deliverables outlined in the proposal, do we have to complete all of them by the deadline of project deliverables?
Yes, all deliverables in the proposal have to be delivered **by 15 October 2021**.

Prize Money

1. Can we use the prize money freely?
Yes, there is no restriction on the use of the prize money.
2. When will the prize money be distributed to the finalist/winning teams?
There are two stages of judging in the Competition, and prizes will be allocated in two instalments.

In the first stage of judging, teams will be shortlisted and invited to pitch the Selection Panel in June 2021. A maximum of 5 finalist teams will be selected from the pitching session. HK\$8,000 will be provided to each of the 5 finalist teams as seed money, approximately in July 2021.

In the second stage of judging, the 5 finalist teams will meet the Selection Panel to present their project deliverables, and the judges will determine the top three teams. An award of HK\$20,000 will be awarded to the Gold prize winning team; HK\$13,000 to the Silver prize winning team; and HK\$9,000 to the Bronze prize winning team. There can be a maximum of three Bronze prize winning teams. The prize money will be issued in December 2021.

3. Is there any restriction on the allocation of prize money among team members?
A representative from each winning team shall be authorised by all teammates to collect the prize money. HKU School of Public Health will not interfere with the distribution of the prize money among team members.
4. Do I have to provide any receipts for expenses incurred in our project deliverables?
No, there will not be any reimbursement for project expense, therefore teams are not required to provide receipts for expenses.
5. Do we have to present our project deliverables to the Selection Panel?
After the pitching session, i.e. the first stage of judging, in June 2021, a maximum of 5 finalist teams will be selected to implement the deliverables indicated in their proposals. These finalist teams will meet the Selection Panel again in October/November 2021 to present their project deliverables. Questions from the Selection Panel are to be addressed.

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