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ENTRY GUIDE

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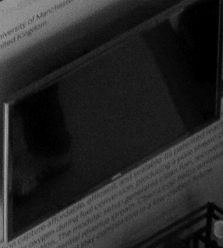
Prototypes for Humanity is one of the world's largest and most diverse gatherings of academic talent and breakthrough innovations, celebrating emerging innovators and supporting those who seek collaboration and venture building opportunities.



WHY APPLY?

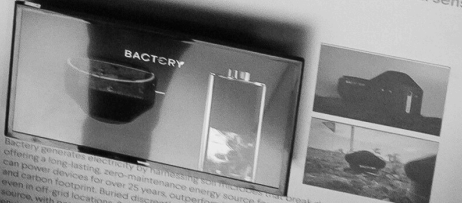
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ENERGY FUTURE
ChemLoop



ENERGY FUTURE

Battery
Maintenance-free soil battery for powering agricultural sensors



Battery generates electricity from soil bacteria, offering a long-lasting, zero-maintenance energy source for remote agricultural sensors. Each unit can power devices for over 25 years, outperforming batteries and solar panels in cost, reliability and carbon footprint. Buried discretely underground, the system enables data-driven farming even in off-grid locations. Scalable and emission-free, Battery transforms soil into a clean energy source, with potential applications beyond agriculture, including home gardens and environmental monitoring.

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HEALTH THERAPIES

Smart Dual-Care Patch
Adhesive-free hydrogel patch for smart wound care



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Exhibit in Dubai

Present your project at the heart of Dubai's innovation ecosystem, connecting with key public and private sector stakeholders.



Build your Venture

Access direct funding opportunities, industry partnerships, and expert support to accelerate your project's journey from research to market.



Global Promotion

Feature your work alongside the world's leading university innovations, gaining international visibility through influential global media platforms.



Awards

Selected projects will receive a share of a \$100,000 awards fund. These awards recognise projects that demonstrate strong innovation, meaningful impact, and clear potential for real-world application.



Community

Join a global network of innovators, industry leaders, regulators, investors, and growth partners working together to advance impactful solutions.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?



Participation is **Free** and open to:

Current undergraduate or postgraduate university students.

Plus

University graduates who completed their studies within the past two years.

From any university and country.

Projects may be submitted by individuals or by teams, with no limit to the number of team members involved in a project.

Multiple projects may be submitted under the same student or supervisor, with no limit on the number of submissions.

All applications should be supported by a supervisor whose details you must provide in the application form.





EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria explain how your application will be reviewed and the main aspects we consider when assessing each submission.

POSITIVE IMPACT ON PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES OR THE PLANET

We seek solutions with the potential to create meaningful real-world change, whether addressing social issues, environmental threats, or challenges within local communities. Demonstrating clear impact is essential.

Innovative and effective use of technology (High-tech or Low-tech) is key, whether incorporating cutting-edge advancements or utilising simple yet efficient solutions.

APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY

ACADEMIC RIGOUR

Projects should be grounded in strong research, show a clear understanding of the problem, and present a thoughtful, innovative solution.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO TELL US



WHAT THE **PROBLEM** IS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

HOW ARE **EXISTING** SOLUTIONS FAILING?

WHAT IS YOUR **ALTERNATIVE** SOLUTION?

HOW DOES IT PERFORM **BETTER**?

THE **IMPACT** YOUR SOLUTION HAS

Strengthen your application with visual material

IMAGES

Upload high-resolution images of prototypes, models, demonstrations, or relevant research outputs that clearly show the form and function of your work.

DIAGRAMS

Include clear, well-labelled diagrams that explain your process, system architecture, methodology, or technology.

VIDEOS

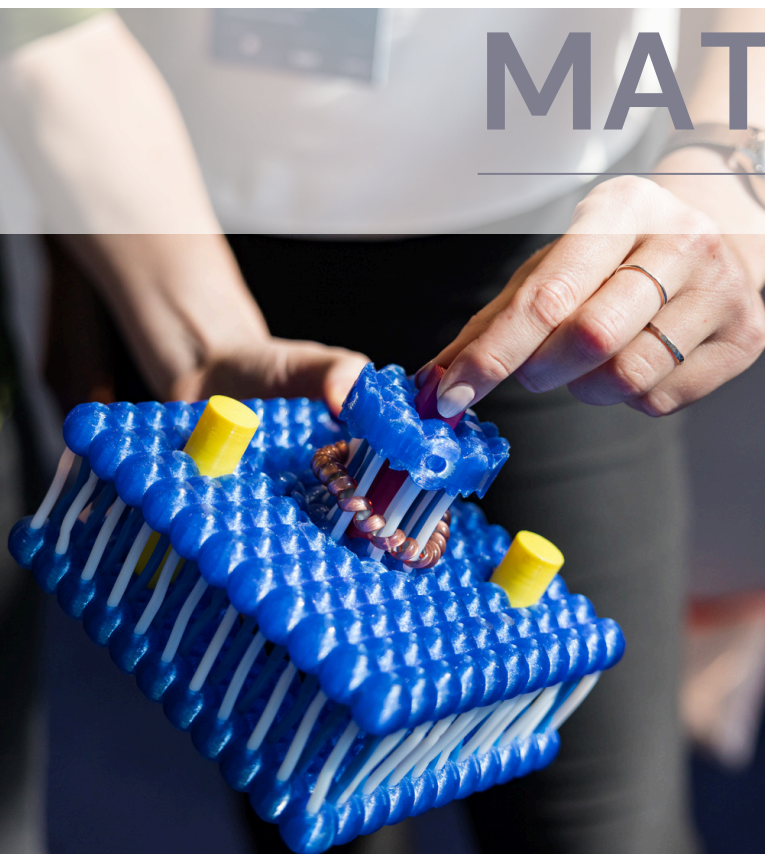
If applicable, you may include a short video demonstrating your project in action. Videos should be uploaded to platforms such as YouTube or Vimeo, with the link shared in your application.



APPLICATION MATERIALS

DETAILED PROJECT INFORMATION (PDF)

Upload a comprehensive PDF that explains your project in depth. This document should provide clear insight into your research context, methodology, development process, and outcomes, supporting the information submitted in your application.



GETTING EXHIBITION-READY

If your project is selected, you will be asked to provide high-resolution images, diagrams, and video material that clearly demonstrate your work.

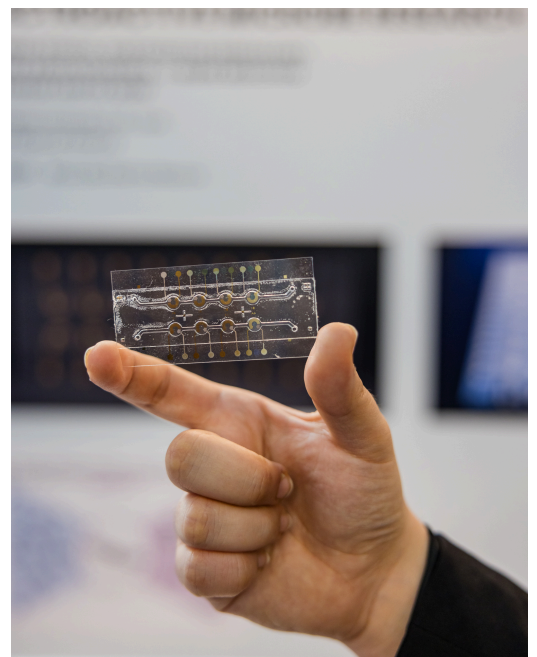
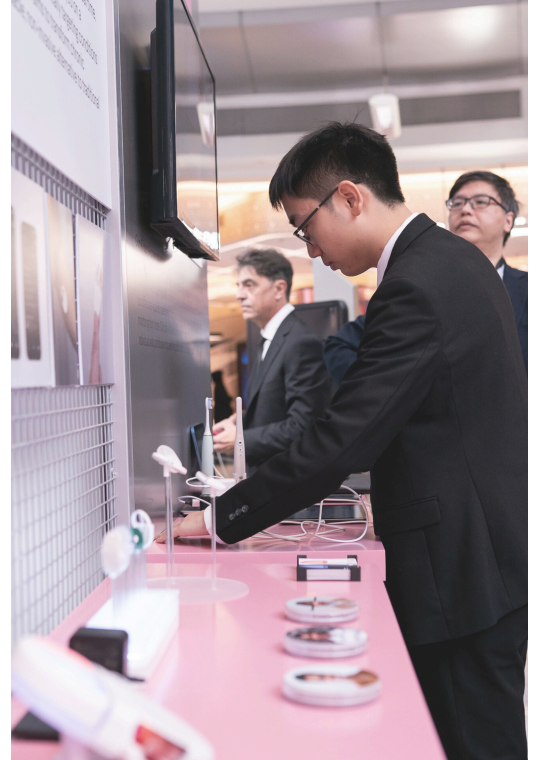
These assets are essential for our design team to develop a visually impactful and coherent display that communicates your research effectively to a global audience.

The overall exhibition layout - including the design of your project stand - is curated by the Prototypes for Humanity team to ensure your work is presented in the strongest possible way.

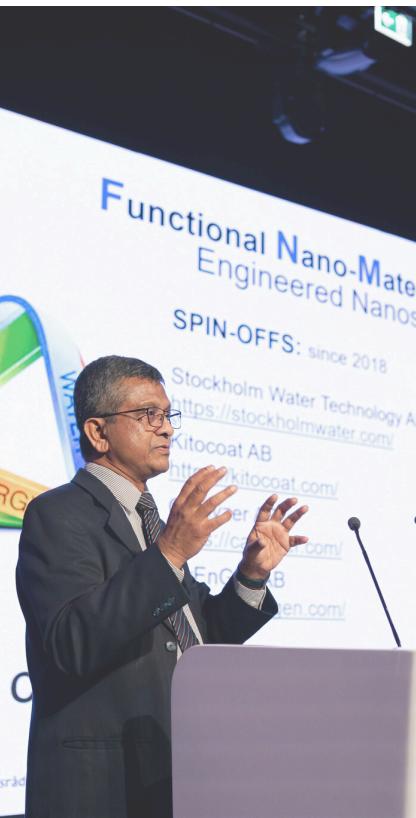
Do you have a physical prototype?

We strongly encourage participants to present their latest and most advanced prototype and/or demo, provided it complies with our health and safety guidelines.

Our team will work closely with you to advise on transporting your prototype to Dubai, including practical guidance to ensure safe delivery, installation, and display.



TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION



We provide 100 selected projects support to attend the summit in Dubai, for both the leading student and supervisor. This includes:

- Hotel accommodation
- Flight subsidy
- Spending allowance
- Transport between the hotel, summit venue and programme activities
- Curated social events



KEY DATES

18
MAY

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE

01
AUGUST

FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

01
OCTOBER

RESULTS COMMUNICATION

15–19
NOVEMBER

ANNUAL SUMMIT IN DUBAI

DATES

EXPLAINED

PRIORITY APPLICATION

The Priority Application deadline is designed for projects ready to be submitted sooner, providing greater planning certainty if selected. Submitting by this date means:

- If selected, you will be contacted earlier, allowing more time to plan your participation, travel, and exhibition preparation.
- Your submission will be reviewed earlier by our Venture Building team, enabling the venture assessment process to be initiated sooner.
- Projects not selected at this stage may receive guidance for resubmission.

FINAL SUBMISSION

The Final Submission deadline is the last opportunity to submit an application for the current edition. Applications submitted by this date are:

- Reviewed using the same criteria and scoring process as the Priority Application submissions.
- Considered equally for the exhibition, the awards and the Venture Building programme.

All applicants have access to the same guidance, application materials, and support prior to submitting. Selection is based solely on the information provided in your application and how well the project aligns with the evaluation criteria.

We encourage applicants to submit by the deadline that best suits their schedule and readiness.

AWARDS

Selected projects will receive a share of a \$100,000 awards fund.

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The award ceremony takes place as part of the Dubai Future Forum programme – the world’s largest gathering of futurists – providing a global stage to showcase impactful solutions to leaders from both the public and private sectors.



If you would like further information about applying
please contact us at

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