

MAPS Postgraduate (PhD) Innovation and Enterprise Prize Competition

2022 /2023

We are pleased to announce the first edition of the MAPS Postgraduate (**PhD**) Innovation and Enterprise Prize Competition. The purpose of this prize competition is to encourage students to think about the innovative aspect and potential economic and societal impact of their PhD projects and to motivate entrepreneurial spirit among students.

Eligibility: All MAPS PhD students who have undertaken their viva voce examination between 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Deadline: 15 June 2023

Prize: There will be **5 prizes** in total. Each winner will be awarded a **£300** Love2Shop voucher.

Winners will be presented with the awards at a MAPS Innovation and Enterprise event (date TBC) and featured on MAPS IE news, MAPS Faculty Focus Newsletter and social media.

Decision date: The decision will be made within 2-3 weeks of the deadline. To note, winners will be contacted individually via UCL email.

To enter the competition: Applications should be made by completing the online [Application Form](#). This can be filled in directly by a PhD applicant or alternatively, by a PhD supervisor willing to nominate a PhD student for this prize competition. To aid preparation, you can find both the Application and Assessment Forms at the end of this document.

Assessment: entries will be assessed by a panel of the Faculty Innovation and Enterprise Board comprised of departmental IE representatives, representatives from UCL I&E and Business Partnership offices and UCLB. Judging would be based on the following primary criteria:

- The project and solution¹: the problem that the project is trying to solve and the proposed solution.
- Innovative element: e.g., the uniqueness in terms of concept, technology, process, solution, etc.
- Entrepreneurial element: e.g., potential to patent or commercialise, innovative or disruptive methods, policy influence or social entrepreneurship.
- Potential societal and economic impact: e.g., number of people, organisations, end users that will benefit directly/indirectly from the outputs.
- Timeliness: why it is necessary and a good time to do this now.

Each criterion will be assigned a score by the panel. The total score will be ranked and used to determine the prizes.

¹Please note UCL's general position with regard to ownership of IP created by its students set out in the [UCL Intellectual Property \(IP\) Policy](#).

If you have any queries, please contact Dr Maria Mediero-Munoyerro, MAPS Innovation and Enterprise Coordinator (email: maria.mediero@ucl.ac.uk).

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Application Form

Name of Student	
Name of Supervisor(s)	
Department	
Email	
Project Title	
Please indicate - if applicable – whether you have discussed the intellectual property associated to this project with your supervisor.	
Project description (Please provide a layman’s summary of your project, max 200 words).	
Please state the innovation and enterprise aspect of your project. You may refer to the assessment criteria (up to 200 words).	
Recommendation of PhD supervisor (200 words). <i>(Comment on the Innovation and Enterprise remit of the project and your student’s attitude and performance)</i>	
Examiner’s viva voce report. Please upload your examiners' viva voce report (you might have to ask your examiners for their permission before uploading this document).	

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Assessment Form

Applicant No.	
Project Title	
Assessed and reviewed by	

Assessment Criteria	Score (on a scale of 1-10)
The project and solution: the significance of the problem that the project is trying to solve and the proposed solution	
Innovative element: e.g. the uniqueness in terms of concept, technology, process, solution, etc.	
Entrepreneurial element: e.g., potential to patent or commercialise, innovative or disruptive methods, policy influence or social entrepreneurship	
Potential societal and economic impact: e.g., number of people, organisations, end users that will benefit directly/indirectly from the outputs.	
Timeliness: why it is necessary to do this now	
Total	

Overall comments and whether you recommend it for a prize.
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