

## MAPS Undergraduate (MSci) and Postgraduate (MSc) Innovation and Enterprise Prize Competition

2022/2023

We are pleased to announce the MAPS Undergraduate (**MSci**) and Postgraduate (**MSc**) Innovation and Enterprise Prize Competition 2022/2023. The purpose of this faculty prize competition is to encourage students to think about the innovative aspect and potential economic and societal impact of their projects and to motivate entrepreneurial spirit among students. MAPS participant departments include Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Mathematics, London Centre for Nanotechnology, Physics & Astronomy, Risk & Disaster Reduction, Science & Technology Studies, Space & Climate Physics & Mullard Space Science Laboratory, Statistical Science and Natural Sciences.

**Eligibility:** All MAPS undergraduate and postgraduate students in their final year who are working on a MSci/MSc project. Individual applicants and group applicants are both welcome.

**Deadline:** 19<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for MSci and MSc students, respectively.

**Prize:** There will be **10 prizes** in total. Each winner will be awarded a **£200** Love2Shop voucher (shared by team for group projects).

Winners will be presented with the awards at the MAPS I&E event (date TBC) and featured on MAPS I&E news, MAPS Faculty Focus Newsletter and social media.

**Decision date:** The decision will be made within ~ 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](#). 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 I&E Board comprised of departmental I&E representatives, representatives from UCL I&E and Business Partnership offices and UCLB. Judging would be based on the following primary criteria:

- The project and solution<sup>1</sup>: 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.

<sup>1</sup>Please 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 Jose Mediero-Munoyerro (email: [maria.mediero@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.mediero@ucl.ac.uk)).

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### Application Form

Name of Student(s)	
Name of Supervisor(s)	
Department	
Email	
Undergraduate (MSci) or Postgraduate (MSc) student	
Is this an individual or group project?	
If it is a group project, please provide names of all team members	
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 the supervisor (200 words). <i>(Comment on the Innovation and Enterprise remit of the project and your student’s attitude and performance)</i>	

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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, 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.	
<b>Total</b>	

Overall comments and whether you recommend it for a prize.