Terms and Conditions

BlueShift - QUT Business Case Competition for high school students
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“Competition Organiser” means Queensland University of Technology (QUT), ABN 83 791 724 622.

“Competition” refers to the BlueShift Business Case Competition

1. Registration and Teams

1.1. Registration to compete in this Competition constitutes acceptances of these Terms and Conditions.

1.2. Entry into this Competition is open to secondary schools who register online for the BlueShift Business Case Competition at QUT before the closing date for registrations at https://www.qut.edu.au/business/blueshift-competition

1.3. All correspondence regarding the Competition will be made through the nominated contact details provided when registering. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure contact details are current and the email address provided for the team leader is monitored.

1.4. Each school may only enter a maximum of three teams in the competition.

1.5. Teams must consist of four students, made up of any combination of students enrolled in Grades 11 or 12 in the year of competition. Team members must be able to verify they are current students at their nominated school.

1.6. Each team must supply a Team Name that does not identify their school in any way. This is to ensure impartiality of the judges.

1.7. If any participant is under the age of 18 years, they will be deemed to have obtained the permission of their parent or guardian to participate in the Competition. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure the students have received the appropriate permission from their parents or guardians to compete.

2. Preliminary Round - Written submissions

2.1. The team leader will receive the following documents via email on the day the competition opens:

2.1.1.1. An Information Pack

2.1.1.2. The BlueShift Business Case Study

2.1.1.3. BlueShift Written Submission Criteria Sheet

2.1.1.4. BlueShift Written Submission Cover Sheet

2.2. It is the responsibility of the team leader to check their email to receive the business case study and to notify QUT Business School if they have not received these documents by 5pm on the day that the Competition opens.

2.3. Teams will have four weeks to prepare a written submission in response to the business case.

2.4. Written submissions are to be submitted to QUT via email, at blueshift@qut.edu.au by 12 noon on the competition closing date.
2.5. Any submissions received after 12 noon on the competition closing date are not valid and will not be considered. No responsibility is accepted for late, lost or misdirected entries. All written submissions become the property of QUT Business School.

2.6. All written submissions must be accompanied by a completed BlueShift Submission Cover Sheet

2.7. Written submissions should be emailed in Microsoft Word format. All other file formats will not be considered.

3. Finalist Team Selection

3.1. After the time for receiving submissions closes, a panel of judges (who will consist of a pre-determined panel of experts) will assess the written submissions and shortlist the finalists who will be invited to the BlueShift Finals.

3.2. BlueShift Finals will be held at QUT’s Gardens Point campus. Finalist teams will be announced via email to all registered teams and finalist team leaders will also be contacted by phone.

3.3. The decision as to the shortlisted finalists is the absolute discretion of the panel of judges (as delegates of the Competition Organiser)

3.4. All teams will be provided with feedback in the form of their marked criteria sheet upon request. Request should be made in writing to the BlueShift email address.

4. The BlueShift Finals

4.1. The shortlisted Finalists Teams will be required to present their business case solution in person to a panel of judges at the BlueShift Finals, held at QUT Gardens Point.

4.2. Each Finalist Team must have all four members present in order to compete.

4.3. Finalist Teams must submit a USB with their PowerPoint slides, and signed image consent forms to Competition coordinators at Registration on the day of the BlueShift Finals.

4.4. All Finalist Teams’ presentations must be in PowerPoint format. No other format or presentation software will be accepted. If the presentation is provided in a format other than PowerPoint, the Finalist Team will be given the option to present entirely without visual aids or to forfeit their place in the BlueShift Finals.

4.5. No videos or audio files are permitted within the PowerPoint presentation. If any video files or audio files are included, these will be removed by the Competition Organisers prior to presentation.

4.6. Finalist Teams will present for a maximum of 15 minutes followed by approximately 5 minutes question and answer time with the judges. Warnings will be given when there are five minutes remaining; when there is one minute remaining, and when time is up. Marks will be deducted for going over the allocated fifteen minutes presentation time.

4.7. Finalist Teams are permitted to watch the presentations of other teams but no changes to their own presentations can be made after the BlueShift Finals commences.

4.8. Any teams that arrive after the starting time may not be able to compete in the Finals. The decision to exclude a team from competing in the Finals due to late arrival is at the
4.9. In the first round (Finals Round One) of the BlueShift Finals the Finalist Teams will be allocated into three groups. The allocation and presentation order will take place by random draw. The Finalist Teams in each group will present to a panel of judges and one team from each group will be chosen to go on to the second round.

4.10. The second round (Finals Champion Round) of the BlueShift Finals will consist of the three winning teams from Finals Round One. These three teams will present the same presentation to a panel of judges. The judges will then choose an Overall BlueShift Champion Team (first place), a First Runner Up Team (second place) and a Third Runner Up Team (third place).

4.11. Judges will consist a pre-determined panel of experts (as delegates of the Competition Organiser) and prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) winning teams as selected by the panel (in their absolute discretion).

4.12. Prizes may consist of products, services or other items included at the discretion of the Competition Organisers.

4.13. If any components of the prizes are unavailable, the Competition Organiser (in its absolute discretion) reserves the right to substitute any components of a prize with a prize to the equal value and/or specification.

4.14. The Competition Organiser’s decision as to the prize winners is final and no correspondence will be entered in relation to the conduct of the competition or otherwise.

4.15. All Finalist Teams will be provided with feedback in the form of their marked criteria sheet upon request. Request should be made in writing to the BlueShift email address.

5. Marketing

5.1. Unless otherwise advised by the participant, by entering this Competition, participants agree to the Competition Organiser publishing their name and image in any marketing collateral associated with the Competition or with QUT.

5.2. All Finalist Team members must submit a completed image consent form supplied by QUT with their USB. A photographer may be present at the BlueShift Finals to take photographs of teams throughout the day.

6. Competition management

6.1. If this competition is interfered with in any way or is not capable of being conducted as reasonably anticipated due to any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Competition Organiser, the Competition Organiser reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to the fullest extent permitted by law (a) to disqualify any team or participation; or (b) subject to any written directions from a regulatory authority, to modify, suspend, terminate or cancel the Competition, as appropriate.

6.2. Except for any liability that cannot be excluded by law, the Competition Organiser (including its officers, employees and agents) excludes all liability (including negligence), for any personal injury; or any loss or damage (including loss of opportunity); whether direct, indirect, special or consequential, arising in any way out of the promotion,
including, but not limited to, where arising out of the following: (a) any technical
difficulties or equipment malfunction (whether or not under the Competition Organiser’s
control); (b) any theft, unauthorised access or third party interference; (c) any entry or
prize claim that is late, lost, altered, damaged or misdirected (whether or not after their
receipt by the Competition Organiser) due to any reason beyond the reasonable control
of the Competition Organiser; (d) any variation in prize value to that stated in these
Terms and Conditions; (e) any tax liability incurred by a winner or participant; or (f) use of
the prizes.

6.3. Each participant indemnifies and keeps indemnified the Competition Organiser against
all claims, losses, damages and expenses suffered by the Competition Organiser or any
third parties arising out of the breach of these Terms and Conditions by the participant,
the conduct of the participant in the competition or the use of any components of the
prizes.

6.4. Under the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld), the Competition Organiser must tell
participants when it collects personal information about them and how it plans to use it. If
a participant chooses to enter or take part in the promotion, the participant will be
required to provide the Competition Organiser with personal information such as the
participant’s name, age and email address. The Competition Organiser will use the
participants’ personal information for the purpose of carrying out the Competition. A
request to access, update or correct any information should be directed to the
Competition Organiser. If the participant would prefer that the Competition Organiser
does not use the participant’s details in the way outlined in these Terms and Conditions
the participant should contact the Competition Organiser.

6.5. Any queries about these Terms and Conditions may be raised by emailing the
Competition Organiser at blueshift@qut.edu.au