

Regulations Amsterdam Science & Innovation Awards 2025

Article 1. General Information

1. The Amsterdam Science and Innovation Award (hereinafter: “AmSIA” or “Competition”) is organized by:
Innovation Exchange Amsterdam (“IXA”), here after mentioned as “Organisation”.
IXA is the knowledge transfer office (and legally a collaboration of) of Amsterdam UMC (location VUmc and AMC), Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (HvA), University of Amsterdam (UvA) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) (the “Organizing Parties”). The Competition is financially made possible by the Organisation and the partners and sponsors.
2. The Competition aims to stimulate researchers, staff and students to generate ideas with societal impact based on research at one of the Amsterdam based universities, universities of applied sciences, academic medical centers and public research centers.
3. Participant means: researcher, staff or student at one of the Amsterdam based universities, universities of applied sciences, academic medical centers and public research centers who participates in the Competition.
4. Finalist means: Participant who is selected for the final of the Competition.
5. Partner means: an Amsterdam Knowledge institute who agreed to participate in the Amsterdam Science & Innovation Award.

Article 2. Entries and eligibility

1. Entering the Competition does not constitute a relinquishment of copyright and/or any other form of intellectual property rights. The Participant hereby gives the Organisation the right to publish his/her idea(s) and name in the event that he/she will become a Pre-finalist or Finalist for promotional purposes on the internet and other media. In the entry the Participant grants the Organisation permission to use their ideas, images and names for promotional purposes as stated in the official application form. The Participant indemnifies IXA (i.e. the organisations for which IXA is the knowledge transfer office) of any third party claims regarding the infringement of intellectual property rights relating to his/her idea(s).
2. Organising Parties and the jury of the Competition (“Jury”) will receive the data as provided in the entry, in able to assess the entries and assist in matters of intellectual property protection. Participants should be aware that taking part in the Competition may make it more difficult or impossible to apply for patents at a future date. During the review process the Organisation will monitor for the need of IP protection and make the Participant aware thereof if applicable. The Organisation will treat entries confidential during the internal Jury process. The Organisation recommends that Participants gather information on protection of research results (ideas or inventions) in advance by contacting IXA via www.ixa.nl or the Technology Transfer Office of their organisation.
3. Participants will receive a confirmation of receipt of their entry in the Competition. Entry forms will not be returned to Participant.

4. All entries must comply with the following criteria:
- a. Participants are employed by or student at one of the Partners. It is possible to register one idea on behalf of one or more people.
 - b. Entries are only accepted via the official entry form, see section 6 of this clause. All parts of the entry form must be completed and the text may not exceed the indicated number of words.
 - c. Entries are only accepted in the English language. Participants are encouraged to include an attachment (e.g. a design, sketch, photograph or other visual representation) of maximum 1 A4 (front and back of the paper). All documents, entry form and attachments, should state the Participant's name.
 - d. All essential information a Participant wishes to be taken into consideration by the Jury should be in the official entry form. The attachment is considered "just for information" and is not taken into account in the Jury process.
 - e. Entries received after the closing date may be rejected by the Organisation.
 - f. Entries should be registered via this URL: www.amsia.nl.
 - g. It is not allowed to submit an idea that has already been commercially exploited (e.g. licensed) or valorised in any other way. It is not allowed to submit an idea which is already registered at the Chamber of Commerce at the time of submission.
 - h. Entries should contribute positively to one of the three categories Health, Society and Environment & Climate ("Categories") based on the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

Article 3. Jury Process

1. The Organisation will treat entries confidentially.
2. After receipt all entries will be assessed by the Organisation on the eligibility criteria stated in clause 2. Entries that do not meet the criteria will not be submitted to the Jury and take no part in AmSIA. They will be informed by the Organisation by e-mail. The Jury's decision will be final and there will be no correspondence about the outcome.
3. All entries are categorised in the three categories. The categories are based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations.
 - ❖ The category **Society** includes the goals: No poverty, Quality education, Gender equality, Decent work and economic growth, Industry and Innovation & infrastructure, Reduced inequalities, Peace, justice & strong institutions.
 - ❖ The category **Health** includes the goals: Zero hunger, Good health & well-being and Clean water & sanitation.

- ❖ The category **Environment & Climate** includes the goals: Affordable & clean energy, Sustainable cities & communities, Responsible consumption and production, Climate action, Life below water, Life on land.
4. The Organisation reserves the right to deviate from the categories indicated on the online entry form to facilitate the Jury process.
 5. Depending on the amount of entries received, the Organisation may appoint independent experts to rank the entries. Experts from one of the Partners are not allowed to rank entries from their own institution. The independent experts will select 25-30 Pre-finalists; approximately 10 pre-finalists per category. The entries will be assessed on the criteria: Innovativeness, Societal benefit, Application, Feasibility and Entrepreneurship.
 6. The Pre-finalists are sent by the Organisation to the Jury. The Pre-finalists will be assessed by the Jury on the following criteria:
 - ❖ Innovativeness: why is your idea innovative/inspiring?
 - ❖ Societal benefit: which specific problem can be solved with your idea? And why is that of value for society?
 - ❖ Application: which application do you envisage? Who will benefit and/or which group is prepared to use / adopt / pay (for) this idea / concept / product / service?
 - ❖ Feasibility of idea: do you have some evidence that it will work / that society will use your application?
 - ❖ Entrepreneurship: how are you going to unroll your idea and introduce it to the market? Consideration of partnerships and the steps necessary to turn the idea into reality. Do you show entrepreneurship to make this happen?
 7. The Jury will decide which two entries per category are to be nominated to participate in the finals. Via online voting the audience (family, friends, colleagues, a.o.) may vote for one finalist per category to enter the finals. This results in three finalists per category. The Finalists will receive their nomination per e-mail from the Organisation and are invited to present their entry in the form of an *elevator pitch* to the Jury and audience. The Jury will subsequently decide, on the basis of the pitch and the criteria, which nominee will be awarded the prize. The Jury in 2025 will be announced on the website www.amsia.nl.
 8. The Jury's decision will be final and there will be no correspondence about the outcome.
 9. The Jury will not produce and disclose a jury report.

Article 4. Prize

1. The Jury will award a winner in all three Categories.
2. The winners will be awarded a prize of €10.000,- (ten thousand euros), the "Prize".
3. Payment of the Prize is preferably done to a department or research group. Or it can be wired to the spin off, start-up BV or Stichting, which will develop the idea. In case the winner is a person not affiliated with any of the above mentioned entities, the Prize will be paid to the persons

private bank account. In which case Prize is considered as a secondary income and therefore subject to Dutch tax. The Prize is therefore paid as a gross amount. The winner of AmSIA is responsible for the payment of tax and possible statutory social security contributions on the Prize.

4. The Prize needs to be used to develop the idea further. The Organisation might ask the winner to justify where the money was spent on to check this.

Article 5. Deadline

1. Entries must be received by Sunday 9 February 2025 by 23:59 at the latest, via the official Application form at our site www.amsia.nl.
2. The finals and awards ceremony of AmSIA takes place on Tuesday 17 June 2025.

Article 6. Final provisions

1. All eventualities not covered by these regulations will be subject to the Jury's and Organisation's final decision.
2. By entering the Competition, the Participants agree that they have read and agree to these regulations.
3. Up to the final stage of the Competition, Participant may request to delete its entry in the Competition by sending an e-mail to info@ixa.nl. In case Participant decides to file for protection of their results/invention, Participant may request to delete its entry after the beforementioned deadline. After such a request, the Organisation will delete all information on the entry and on the Participant where possible.
4. The Organisation is not liable in the event that an idea/entry does not create a certain outcome or is not fit for a particular purpose. The organisations (for which IXA is the knowledge transfer office) are not liable vis-à-vis the Participants nor the organisations they are affiliated with, for any damages they may suffer as a result of participating in this Competition.
5. Dutch law applies. The Court of Amsterdam has exclusive jurisdiction.

General Provisions

These regulations have been stipulated on by the Organisation of the Amsterdam Science & Innovation Award. They replace previous regulations.