

# FAQs for the Tun Ismail Ali Challenge

## **Q1: Who is eligible to participate?**

The application is open to Malaysian undergraduates pursuing a degree in economics or related degrees from both foreign and local universities, who have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies by mid-2018.

## **Q2: Must I have a group before I apply for the challenge?**

The challenge will be accepting both individual and team applications (3 participants to a team). Team applicants will be accepted as a team while individual applicants who are accepted will be teamed up with two other successful individual applicants to form a team.

## **Q3: Is the challenge open to Diploma, Masters and PHD students?**

Unfortunately, no. Since this is our inaugural challenge, we are limiting our participants to only students currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Economics on related degrees.

## **Q4: What are the prizes?**

The challenge will be awarding prizes to the top 3 finalists.

- Champion: RM 10000
- 1st Runner-up: RM 5000
- 2nd Runner-up: RM 3000

## **Q5: How many rounds are there during the challenge?**

There will be two rounds during the residential challenge. In the first round, 9 teams will be allocated into 3 rooms (3 teams in each room, with judges). The winner from each room will then proceed to the Final.

In the Final, 3 teams will be presenting to a larger group of audience, with a new set of judges. The press and public will be able to attend this session. The finalists will be presenting similar policy recommendations as the theme will remain the same.

## **Q6: What are the judging criteria for the challenge?**

The criteria will be disclosed to participants who are accepted and have confirmed their attendance for the challenge 2 weeks before the residential challenge.

**Q7: How will the presentation process work?**

Each team will have 15 minutes to present their policy proposal, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A with the judges and members of the other teams.

**Q8: Will teams be disqualified if they do not attend both days of the residential challenge?**

Yes, teams will be disqualified if they do not attend both days of the residential challenge on the 18th and 19th July 2018. If any of the team members could not make it for the competition, the committee will select a replacement for the team member from the list of individual applicants.

**Q9: How do I apply?**

Registration can be done online through the Tun Ismail Ali Chair Blog at [tiac.my](http://tiac.my) for both group and individual applications. For group applications, all members of a team are required to fill up the form separately, with a common team name. The application will also require you to submit your latest CV and a short essay to answer the application question.

**Q10: Where is the application question?**

You may access the application question here through the Tun Ismail Ali Chair Blog at [tiac.my](http://tiac.my)

**Q11: Must all members of a group submit their own essays?**

No. If you are applying as a group, only the Team Captain is required to submit the application essay for the group. Each group requires only ONE essay. However, if you are applying individually, you will have to submit an essay.

**Q12: Is there an application fee?**

No, there is no fee to apply for the challenge. The challenge will be fully sponsored (meals and lodging) for the 9 teams who are shortlisted for the residential challenge.

**Q13: When can we submit our application?**

Teams can submit the application anytime from 25 April 2018 until 5pm Malaysian time on 22 June 2018. The challenge will be held on 18th and 19th July 2018.

**Q14: I have more questions. To whom may I direct them to?**

You may contact the committee at [tiac@bnm.gov.my](mailto:tiac@bnm.gov.my)