

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-2019.

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). Successful 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. Participation is open to only undergraduate students who have completed at least two years of studies in Economics or related degrees.

Q4: What are the prizes?

The challenge will award prizes to the top 3 finalists.

- Champion: RM 10,000
- 1st Runner-up: RM 5,000
- 2nd Runner-up: RM 3,000

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 round.

In the Final round, 3 teams will present to a larger audience and a new set of judges. The public will be able to attend this session. As the theme will remain the same, the finalists will present similar policy recommendations.

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 31st July and 1st August 2019. If any of the team members are unable to make it for the competition, the committee will select a replacement team member from the list of individual applicants.

Q9: How can I apply?

Registration can be done online through the Tun Ismail Ali Chair Blog at <https://tunismailalichair.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 and a summary slide to answer the application question.

Q10: Where can I access the application questions?

You may access the application questions here through the Tun Ismail Ali Chair Blog at <https://tunismailalichair.my/>

Q11: Must all members of a group submit their own essays and summary slides?

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

Q12: Is there an application fee?

No, there is no fee to apply for the challenge. Meals and lodging for participants of the challenge will be fully sponsored for the 9 shortlisted teams.

Q13: When can we submit our application?

Teams can submit the application anytime beginning 3 May 2019 until 5pm Malaysian time on 27 June 2019. The challenge will be held on 31st July and 1st August 2019.

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

You may contact the TIAC-BNM Secretariat at tiac@bnm.gov.my