

ASTRO KASIH #BETTERTOGETHER UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE FAQs

1. What is the #BetterTogether University Challenge?

With the COVID-19 pandemic deeply affecting the livelihood and education of many in the country, Astro Kasih is launching the #BetterTogether University Challenge this year to discover the most innovative and sustainable community initiatives and fund it.

We are opening submissions for three (3) categories i.e. **Best Community Project**, **Best Education Project** and **Best Environment Project**. All project submissions are mandatory to relate to at least one (1) UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. Who can participate?

This Challenge is opened to all current attending students as at 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2021 (i.e. *Bachelors/Post Doctorate and etc*) of Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

3. Can students from different institutions register as the same team?

No. You may form teams with students within your university departments and faculties, but inter-university teams are not allowed.

4. Can students of other institutions participate in the #BetterTogether University Challenge?

The Challenge is only open to students of Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) at this time.

5. Can I participate as an individual?

Yes.

6. How many people can I have on my team?

You may have up to maximum four (4) people per team.

7. Can I submit more than one (1) submission in each category?

Yes, you may choose to submit more than one (1) submission. However, we will only choose ONE (1) entry from your team or as an individual for each Category.

8. Can I be part of different teams?

Yes, you can. However please take note that you can only submit ONCE for each category. If you have already submitted as part of a team in one of the category, you may still form a new team to submit for another

category.

9. Can I change my team members after submission?

No. All submissions are considered final. Please ensure you have confirmed all details before proceeding with the submission.

10. How can we participate in the #BetterTogether University Challenge?

You can register as an individual or team through the Registration Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ihtF7y3FrE> and submit your proposal to us there.

11. Can we submit more than one proposal per category?

No. You can only submit ONE (1) proposal for each category.

12. What do I need to submit?

To participate, you or your team need to submit an idea Proposal. A guideline of the proposal submission can be found [here](#).

13. Can I still make changes to my proposal after I have submitted my entry?

No. All submissions are considered final. Please ensure you have confirmed all details before proceeding with the submission.

14. Can I get an extension for the submission deadline?

You may write in to us at astro_kasih@astro.com.my to seek for an extension depending on the situation. We may request to see evidence or proof, however, the Organiser is not obligated to allow extension for submission deadline. All final decisions will be at the Organiser's discretion.

15. What will the shortlisting process be like?

All submissions that meet the eligibility will be reviewed and evaluated by the Organiser internally. Shortlisted individual/team will be invited to present their proposal first to the working team. Consequently, finalists will be selected for pitching to panel of judges.

16. Where can I find the judging criteria for the Challenge?

You can find the judging criteria [here](#).

17. How will the shortlisted individual or team be notified?

Shortlisted submission will be notified via the registered email.

18. How will I know if I have been shortlisted?

The Organiser will notify the individual/team via email if they have been shortlisted. The individual/ team will have to respond to the invitation to present their proposal to the working team within TWO days or 48 hours. Subsequently, if they are selected to be in the Finale pitching, they should also respond to the invitation within TWO days or 48 hours.

19. When is the Pitching?

It is tentatively planned for the end of December 2021. We will inform the selected individuals and/or teams the exact date once it is finalized.

20. How much is the grant?

The amount is upon panel discretion based on the proposal submitted. Each submission is able to request for a maximum of RM15,000. Please indicate total budget for project in the event it is more than RM15,000.