Eligibility and T&Cs for Stage 1: University of Aberdeen

Eligibility criteria

- All applicants must be University of Aberdeen students or alumni who have officially graduated within 2 years of the date of submission (2016 or 2017).
- University of Aberdeen staff are not eligible.
- Applicants can be individuals or groups providing all team members satisfy the eligibility criteria. The lead applicant will be the point of contact. There is no limit to a group size but any pitching at events is limited to 2 people.
- Throughout the process applicants must be legally residing within the UK.
- Ideas from students or graduates based on a company that is already trading are eligible but all businesses taking part in the competition must be registered UK companies.
- Applications that are currently in the idea stage must have all intentions of creating a UK registered company.
- All applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Students or alumni must own a material share in the business (if already in existence, or once it has been established) and be responsible for the direction and leadership of the organisation. This would normally include holding the title of CEO, Founder or Co-Founder.

Submission criteria for stage 1: University of Aberdeen

- Email your submission to abventurezone@abdn.ac.uk by 5pm 30th March 2018
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- Your submission must include:
  - Your business canvas
  - Your business application form
  - Your 1 minute video, or a link to your 1 minute video
- Title your email submission: SANTANDER ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS 2018: [BUSINESS NAME] followed by [LEAD APPLICANT’S NAME]
- The same business idea cannot be entered by a person individually and as part of a team.
- The University of Aberdeen shall have no responsibility for applications which are delayed or lost in transmission.

Ideas

- Ideas must not be based on ideas, inventions or intellectual property that belongs to the University of Aberdeen.
- The University of Aberdeen will have the right to check whether the entrant(s) have the right to use any intellectual property required for the business idea.
Judging

- Entrants may not contact any member of the judging panel in relation to the competition. In the event of any attempt to influence the judging panel, immediate disqualification shall result.
- Judging will be carried out in three stages by a panel of internal and external judges.
  - The first stage will be based on the business application form.
  - The second stage will be based on the 1 minute video.
  - The third stage will be based on the business canvas.
- The judging panel will meet on 17th April to decide winning team(s) to be put through to the Santander regional heats.
- All dates related to the stages of the competition are subject to change by the University of Aberdeen. Any change will be made public through the competition website.

Prizes

- Winners and the prizes (up to £1000 per team) are awarded at the discretion of the judging panel and all judging decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
- By accepting the prize, each winner agrees to make himself/herself/themselves available to participate in reasonable promotion or publicity events during the six months following the announcements of the winners.
- All funds will be managed by the University of Aberdeen. All prizes will be final, non-transferable and no alternative will be available.
- Prizes shall be either:
  - Paid into a corporate bank account; or
  - Claimed as expenses from the University as mutually agreed.
- Each winner shall spend the prize awarded on business development and other select business costs. You may be asked to sign an agreement to these ends.
- The University of Aberdeen reserves the right to demand a refund of any prizes awarded or any part of it to the extent to which a winner is unable to demonstrate that they have met the conditions above.

Publicity and promotion

- By entering the competition, each entrant acknowledges that the names of the winners may be posted on the University of Aberdeen web site and published in promotional material regarding this competition and future competitions without further notice.
- Each entrant voluntarily and without compensation gives the University of Aberdeen the right to use his/her name for promotional; and news purposes related to the competition by the University of Aberdeen and by sponsors of the competition.
- By entering the competition, each entrant voluntarily and without compensation gives the University of Aberdeen the right to take and use his/her photographs and
any film footage of him/her to be used by the University of Aberdeen in any reasonable manner in which it sees fit for promotion of the competition without further notice.

- Save for the above uses, personal information collected about the entrants will be used solely for the purposes of running and judging the competition and will not be provided to third parties different to the judging panel and competition sponsors.

**Confidentiality**

- The entrants acknowledge that University of Aberdeen is a public authority under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and has statutory obligations for disclosure of certain information if requested.
- Information included in the applications will be kept confidential by the University of Aberdeen. It will not be used for any purpose other than judging the competition. Only a limited number of persons within the University of Aberdeen, including the judging panels, will have access to such information.

**Other**

- The University of Aberdeen reserves the right to amend, alter or cancel the competition without prior notice and will not be liable to any prospective entrant nor to any participant for any costs, expenses, loss and/or direct, indirect or consequential damages incurred or arising out of the amendment, alteration or cancellation of the competition.
- The University of Aberdeen reserves the right to amend of alter these terms and conditions.
- The University of Aberdeen reserves the right to disqualify any entrant if it reasonably believes that the entrant has breached any of these terms and conditions.
- By submitting the application, the entrant acknowledges that he/she has read the present terms and conditions and warrants that all the information submitted in his/her application is true and accurate.
- The competition and the terms and conditions are governed by Scots Law and subject to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.