1. Introduction to the IET’s Young Professionals’ Challenge

The Young Professionals’ Challenge is a contest that challenges students worldwide to develop virtual solutions to real world problems.

The Young Professionals’ Challenge (hereafter the “Competition”) is an international Competition organised by the IET (hereafter “the IET”), registered as a Charity in England & Wales (no 211014) and Scotland (no SC038698) with its headquarters located at Michael Faraday House, Six Hills Way, Stevenage Hertfordshire, SG1 2AY.

By registering with the Competition, you agree to these terms and conditions (“Terms”) and our Privacy Policy. If you do not agree to the Terms or Privacy Policy, please do not use or register with the Competition. You accept all of the IET’s decisions with regard to the Competition as final and binding.

The Site is owned and operated by the IET. Please read the Terms (and the other terms set out below) carefully as they set out your rights and obligations and the terms on which The IET permits your participation in the Competition and makes the Site available to you. They also provide information on how you can submit material and how this will be used.

By providing your ideas in the form of content for the Competition you confirm this is (a) your own work and not copied from anyone else or infringing of any third party’s rights and (b) not defamatory, obscene, harassing, offensive, threatening or in breach of anyone’s privacy. You must have the consent of anyone featured in the content to provide this to us and (c) that you accept the IET will publicise these ideas if you win the Competition.

You will retain and own the Intellectual Property Rights in any original content you provide but by providing content to the IET you agree that the IET may use it including, copy it and make any part of it available on the Site, other internet sites, mobile, television, radio and/or any other media channel in any format.

By publicising your idea, the IET cannot be held responsible for the disclosure of ideas that may render a potential patent void. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have conducted all due diligence in respect of securing a potential patent and where applicable, the patent application has been filed in advance of disclosure.
In advance of approaching the IET if you consider that your idea may be eligible for patent protection then we strongly recommend that you seek legal advice (at your own cost) in advance of disclosing this idea during Phase II of the Competition.

If we discover or have any reason to suspect you have breached these Terms we reserve the right to suspend or terminate your participation in the Competition.

2. Who Can Participate?

The Global Challenge is a worldwide Competition for students and young professionals\(^1\) of all engineering and technology disciplines provided each team has one fully paid upmembre of the IET as part of its team.

Employees of the IET are not allowed to enter or participate in the Competition.

3. Registration

Individuals (hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”) wishing to take part must register in teams of up to 4 Participants.

All individual members of the teams must have a valid e-mail address.

The IET reserves the right to check the validity of the registration information submitted by Participants at any stage during the IET also reserves the right to refuse participation, or to disqualify, at any time during the Competition, individuals (and their teams) who have submitted incorrect or misleading information. Teams will have no recourse against disqualification decisions.

The IET may withdraw, cancel or amend registrations or the process without prior notice to ensure compliance with legal, regulatory or other similar requirements or for any reason outside The IET’s control. All teams must be registered by the registration deadline date. Any team not correctly registered by that date will not be able to participate further in the Competition.

By participating in this Competition, Participant’s agree to do so only for their own personal, non-commercial use (during the course of the Competition) and in accordance with the Terms. Unless otherwise stated, Participants may not copy, reproduce, download, post, store (including in any other website), distribute, transmit, broadcast, commercially exploit or modify in any way the Site’s material or content (including other User Content) or permit or assist any third party to do the same.

For the avoidance of doubt, all times mentioned in the Competition materials are based on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

4. Team Composition

Each team must comprise of up to 4 team members.

Each team must appoint a Team Leader. This person will be the main contact point for the IET, and emails sent to the email address provided by the Team Leader will be considered delivered.

\(^1\) Definition of young professional – under the age of 35
Each team may identify a senior IET member to act as a team ‘mentor’. In the instance that a team is unable to identify a senior member to support them, they should contact their local community or the IET directly if they so wish.

Teams will be asked to register via the Competition website. Once a team has been registered, no modification in its composition will be allowed after the registration deadline unless for the specific reasons outlined below.

In the event that the number of members in a team is reduced to fewer than 3, the team shall be disqualified. However, the IET reserves the right not to disqualify teams in which a team member has a legitimate reason to leave their team, as long as there are at least 2 team members continuing the Competition. The reasons considered as legitimate by the IET are the following:

- pregnancy;
- accidents;
- family bereavement;
- serious illness or hospitalisation.

To avoid disqualification, an additional team member may be invited to join the team as a replacement before the end of Phase 1 (17 March 2017).

Team members wishing to cancel their participation must communicate this by email to the IET at globalchallenge@theiet.org.

Decisions relating to team changes after the registration deadline are at the IET's discretion and will be reviewed by the Competition management team.

Participants promise that:

They are 18 - 35 years of age with one fully paid up member of the IET comprised within the team;

All information provided to the IET is accurate, true and up to date in all respects and at all times;

All ideas provided in participation of this Competition are original and the Participant is fully entitled (and has all necessary consents) to provide the ideas in the form of content to the IET;

Nothing in the ideas provided in participation of this Competition will infringe the Intellectual Property Rights or any other right of any person, breach any contract or duty of confidence, be defamatory, obscene, offensive, indecent, harassing, threatening, breach anyone's privacy;

Agree to indemnify and keep indemnified the IET from and against all claims, damages, expenses, costs and liabilities (including legal fees) relating to or arising from any breach or suspected breach of the Terms by the Participant or a violation of any law or the rights of any third party.

5. Competition Stages

There are 2 phases in the Competition - please consult the website ‘calendar’ page for more information on deadlines.

6. Competition Requirements, Evaluation and Selection of Winners
Each team will be required to submit the following:

**Round 1** – Each team will submit a proposal using the provided template for round one submissions (which can be downloaded from the Site) to describe the solution for addressing the Challenge and highlight how it fits the purpose.

Round 2 – Each of the 4 finalist teams will submit: A detailed project report using the provided template for Round 2 submissions which can be downloaded from the website and will detail the following;
- **Executive Summary**
- **Technical Comparison and Feasibility Report**
  - Materials and cost implications
  - Manufacturing
- **Technical Description**
  - Materials
  - Implementation
- **Marketing Strategy**
  - Branding
  - Marketing brief
- A Powerpoint presentation (10 slides maximum) which serves as a summary of the detailed project report
- A filmed elevator pitch (3 minutes maximum) which highlights the features of the proposal. It will be uploaded to IET.tv for peer voting. The peer voting will contribute to 5% of the overall scoring.

At the end of phase 2, the judging panel will select the winning team to attend the Innovation awards ceremony which will take place in November 2017 (date to be confirmed nearer the time).

The panel’s decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into on that matter.

The IET will organise and pay for all reasonable hotel/accommodation and travel expenses for the winning team invited to participate in the celebration event.

7. **Correspondence**

All correspondence must be in English.

There will be an FAQ section on the Competition website, which will aim to cover many of the questions that Participants may have. Any additional questions or comments concerning the Competition must be sent via email to: globalchallenge@theiet.org.

The IET reserves the right not to answer the question if it is judged that the answer would give an unfair advantage to certain Participants. Participants who receive sensitive information relating to the Competition with the intent of allowing an unfair competitive advantage should immediately inform the IET by emailing globalchallenge@theiet.org.

8. **Intellectual Property Rights**

The ownership of any Intellectual Property remains that of the Participants throughout the Competition although the IET will be able to use the project ideas as set out in these Terms.
If at any time during the Competition the Participants believe that their project idea contains patentable technology it is the responsibility of the Participants to seek legal advice before disclosure. The IET cannot be held responsible for the disclosure of ideas that may render a potential patent void.

Participants now grant the IET a non-exclusive, worldwide, irrevocable licence to use, display, publish, transmit, copy, make derivative works or podcasts from, edit, alter, store, re-format the project ideas in the form of content for such purposes.

Participants grant the IET the right to issue publicity in respect of the project idea and any material in which it may be included, and for such purpose to use and reproduce the Participant’s name and photograph (where these have been provided to The IET). The Participants also agree that this consent remains in force unless terminated by notifying the IET by email to globalchallenge@theiet.org their withdrawal of their consent.

The names, images and logos identifying the IET and their products and services are proprietary marks of the IET. Nothing in the Terms shall be construed as conferring any licence or right under any Intellectual Property Right of the IET, its partner organisations or any other third party unless expressly stated otherwise.

9. Data Protection

The Data Protection Act 1998 places an obligation upon the IET as a data controller, to process personal data in a responsible and accountable fashion. The IET is committed to ensuring that personal information provided by Participants in a privileged capacity complies with this Act to ensure the confidentiality of any personal data held in whatever medium Participant Personal data may be used by The IET, its partner organisations and advisors to communicate in judging the Competition;

The IET may be requested to take part in promotional activity and The IET reserves the right to use the Participant’s personal details, photographs and audio and/or visual recordings in any publicity.

Except as set out above, the IET will keep all personal data private and confidential.

10. Termination

The IET reserves the right to modify, suspend or discontinue the Competition or any part of it (including the availability of any features of the Site) at any time and without notice or liability to the Participant. The IET is entitled to suspend or terminate the Participant’s Membership or access to any part of the Site at any time in the event of a breach these Terms or for technical reasons.

If a Participant ceases to be a member of the IET then participation in the competition shall cease immediately.

11. Claims and Disputes

Any team suspected of infringement of Intellectual Property Rights will be investigated, and, if deemed appropriate by the IET, disqualified from the Competition.

Claims/disputes should be sent within one calendar month of the end of the Competition by mail to (Young Professionals Engagement Manager) at The IET, Michael Faraday House, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 2AY, and by email to the address globalchallenge@theiet.org; please include ‘Dispute’ in the subject header.
The ruling of the IET shall be final and binding.

The Terms shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and any disputes arising from these Terms will be decided only by the English courts.

The IET reserves the right to change the Terms at any time by posting changes online and it is the Participant’s responsibility to refer to and comply with the most up to date Terms on accessing the Site.

If any of the Terms are held by any court of competent authority to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, this will not affect the validity of the remaining Terms which will continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The IET can transfer its rights and obligations under the Terms to any company, firm or person provided this does not affect Participants rights under the Terms. Participants may not transfer or assign rights or obligations under the Terms to anyone else.

12. Third Party Sites/Links

The IET is not responsible for the availability or content of any third party websites or material Participant’s access through the Site. If Participants decide to visit any linked site, then they do so at their own risk. It is the Participant's responsibility to take all protective measures to guard against viruses or other destructive elements. The IET does not endorse and is not responsible or liable for any content, advertising, products, services or information on or available from third party websites or material (including payment for and delivery of such products or services) or for any damage, loss or offence caused by or, in connection with, the same. Any terms, conditions, warranties or representations associated with such dealings, are solely between the Participants and the relevant provider of the service.

Links do not imply that The IET endorses, is affiliated or associated with any linked site, or is legally authorised to use any trademark, trade name, logo or copyright symbol displayed in or accessible through the links, or that any linked site is authorised to use any trademark, trade name, logo or copyright symbol of the IET or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries.

13. Disclaimer/Limitation of Liability

The Site, content and information, images, logos and content relating to the Site, the Competition, The IET, and/or any of The IET partner organisations, products and services (or to third party products and services), are provided 'AS IS' and on an 'AS AVAILABLE' basis without any representation, endorsement or warranty of any kind, including but not limited to implied warranties of satisfactory quality, fitness for a particular purpose, non-infringement, compatibility, security and accuracy.

The IET will endeavor to provide the Site using all reasonable care and will use reasonable efforts to make the Site available to Participant’s at all times. However, the Participant acknowledges that the Site is provided over the internet and so the quality and availability of the Site may be affected by factors that are outside the IET’s reasonable control such as technical faults in the providers' network/service. The IET makes no guarantees that the Site will be available, uninterrupted or error free, or that defects will be corrected, or the server that makes it available are free of viruses or bugs. Except as required by law, the IET will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by:
1. Interruption or delay to the Site or errors, viruses or bugs contained in the Site caused by events outside the IET's reasonable control;
2. The Participant’s negligence or breach of the Terms or failure to follow The IET’s reasonable instructions;
3. Any incompatibility of the Site with any other software or equipment;
4. Any unauthorised use of the Site; or
5. Any other factor that is outside The IET's reasonable control.

Content, information and other material on the Site may contain inaccuracies and typographical errors. The IET does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of these or the reliability of any information displayed or distributed through the Site (including provided through any software). The IET reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to correct any errors or omissions to the Competition or the Site and to make changes to the Site and to the materials, products, programs, services, content or prices described in the Site at any time without notice.

The IET cannot accept any responsibility for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered through use of the Site.

These exclusions do not apply to death or personal injury caused by The IET’s negligence and only apply to the extent permitted by law and does not affect statutory rights.