

## **Research to Market Challenge - Terms of participation**

### **Persons entitled to participate**

**Any idea with a clear reference to research** of the Freie Universität Berlin or the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin as well as cooperating institutions may be submitted.

The following groups **from all departments of the Freie Universität Berlin and the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin** as well as in cooperating institutions can participate:

- Students and graduates (up to 5 years after graduation)
- PhD students, postdocs and guest scientists
- Research associates

Employees and postgraduates from other research institutions / companies are entitled to participate if a clear reference to the research of the Freie Universität Berlin or the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin exists or if they have been invited by their institutions to participate.

- Participation is possible as an individual and well as a team.
- Each participant/team can submit several ideas but only one idea per participant/team can be awarded.

### **Submission**

- In the first round of the competition, a concept paper of up to three pages (DIN A4, font size 11, simple line spacing) of a research-based product or business ideas from the clusters "Digital", "Life Sciences & Technologies" and "Cultural & Social" must be submitted. In the second round of the competition, the projects are to be presented on a maximum of five pages.
- For the first round, all concept papers with fully completed application forms received until May 1, 2017 (23:59) will be considered.
- Submissions that are incomplete or exceed the allowed number of pages cannot be considered.

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- If the idea or the start-up project has already been awarded in other competitions, the participants must state this in their application.
- Ideas that are already being funded by EXIST grants or grants of the *Berliner Startup Stipendium* are not taken into account.
- Ideas already submitted in an application to a *Berliner Startup Stipendium* can participate in the *Research to Market Challenge* if the idea has not been funded.
- The idea must be developed independently by the participants and must not infringe the rights of third parties.
- Participation in the *Research to Market Challenge* does not affect participating in other competitions such as the Berlin-Brandenburg Business Plan Competition (BPW).
- The organizers assume no liability whatsoever for the statements and behavior of jurors and other competitors.
- The organizer and the candidate candidates will treat the submitted ideas confidentially. Personal data of the participants will not be passed on by the organizer to unauthorized third parties.
- By prior agreement, the competitors are ready to present their ideas at the final event and to participate in the press work.
- The legal process is excluded. If none of the submissions are judged worthy by the jury, the awards ceremony will be waived.
- By participating in the competition the teams/participants accept the mentioned terms.