Young Talent Competition 2021
Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

1. Entry to this competition is free and open to registered students of secondary schools in Mauritius and Rodrigues. Immediate family members of the Financial Services Fund Committee and/or staff of the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius are not eligible for this competition.

2. The theme of the competition is ‘Artificial Intelligence: Its impact on the Financial Services Sector’

3. The eligibility of participants* will be as follows:

   (a) **Category 1: Art Competition - Grade 7 to Grade 9**
       Students of any secondary schools in Mauritius (Team of 3 participants):
       (i) Option A: Drawing
       (ii) Option B: Project work

   (b) **Category 2: Thematic Presentation Competition - Grade 10 and Grade 11**
       Students of any secondary schools in Mauritius (Team of 3 participants)

   (c) **Category 3: Essay Competition - Grade 12 and Grade 13**
       Students of any secondary schools in Mauritius (Team of 3 participants).

* Note: All participants constituting a team should attend the same school.

Prizes

4. The prizes for each category are as follows:

   (a) 1st prize: Rs 30,000 per participant; and

   (b) 2nd prize: Rs 20,000 per participant.
Proceedings of the Competition - Category 1

5. Art Competition

Each submission should contain a message closely related to the topic. The language to be used is either English, French or Creole.

Option A: Drawing

The drawings should be in the form of either a comic strip, poster or painting and should be handmade. No digital support should be used (e.g. Photoshop, illustrator or any other software). The students should submit their work on a single sheet not exceeding an A3 format.

Option B: Project Work

The Project Work should be in the form of a 3-D model, maquette or on paper using materials such as recycled papers, containers, corks, caps, etc. The presentation should be handmade and should not exceed the size of 40 cm (Length) X 40 cm (Width) X 30 cm (Height).

Only one piece of work will be accepted from each team. Late submissions will not be accepted. Works which are found to be incorrect, incomplete or having been submitted after the closing date will be rejected. Any evidence of plagiarism will also lead to disqualification.

Proceedings of the Competition - Category 2

6. Thematic Presentation Competition

Each team will have to choose from one of the themes listed below, related to Financial Services, and make a slide presentation of not more than 3 minutes to explain the theme selected. The winner will be selected based on their content and originality.

Themes:

- A. Robotics in Financial Services;
- B. Fintech;
- C. Digital Transformation;
- D. Crypto currencies;
- E. Tomorrow’s reality;
- F. Fiction v/s Reality;
- G. Innovation and disruption in Mauritius;
- H. Banking and the ‘New Normal’; or
- I. Artificial Intelligence in Financial Services.
Proceedings of the Competition - Category 3

7. Essay Competition

Each team should submit an essay of 1,200 words as a preliminary test.

Title of the essay is: ‘Artificial Intelligence: Its impact on the Financial Services Sector’

The essay must be typed, justified and printed on one side of an A4 paper using the following formatting:

- Line and Paragraph Spacing of 1.5;
- Font Size of not less than 11;
- Font type: ‘Calibri’.

Only one essay will be accepted from each team. The Financial Services Fund (‘FSF’) will not accept any late submissions. Essays which are found to be incorrect, incomplete, or having been submitted after the closing date will be rejected.

The finalists will take part in a viva voce presentation of their essays, based on which the winner will be determined.

Undertaking

8. By submitting your essay for this competition, you declare that:

(a) the essay is your own original work and has been written by you; and

(b) you are not violating, plagiarising or infringing the rights of third parties (which include but are not limited to copyright, privacy, publicity, personal or proprietary rights) and you agree that the organisers shall not be responsible for the infringement of any third party rights, moral or otherwise, that may arise as a result of your actions or omissions.

Application

9. Applicants have to submit their applications online. Applicants should scan and upload their duly signed Authorisation/Declaration Forms which must imperatively bear the seal of their respective schools and authorisation of responsible parties, where applicable. The Authorisation/Declaration Forms can be downloaded from www.fscmauritius.org.
Participants under the age of 18 must obtain written permission from their responsible party before submitting their application and the FSF reserves the right to seek direct confirmation, whether verbal or written, from the responsible party concerned.

10. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

11. Each team will be required to submit their duly filled online application by Monday 16 August 2021.

**Important dates**

The tentative dates are as follows:

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| Friday 23 July 2021                                  |
| Monday 16 August 2021                                |
| Wednesday 25 August 2021 (1<sup>st</sup> Batch - Thematic Presentation Competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch - Essay Competition) |
| Thursday 26 August 2021 (Art Competition)            |
| Friday 01 October 2021                               |
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| Thursday 21 October 2021 0                                     |
| To be confirmed                                      |
Selection of winners

12. A panel of judges will designate the winning team. The decision of the judges is final and cannot be challenged.

13. The prize awarded must be taken as provided and cannot be deferred.

14. If the FSF is unable to contact any winner after making reasonable efforts to do so or if the prize is not claimed within 90 days of the publication of results, the prize will be deemed to have been forfeited and the FSF reserves the right to present the prize to another participant selected by the judges.

15. Participants must supply full details as required, and comply with these terms and conditions to be eligible for the prize. The FSF accepts no responsibility for ineligible or fraudulent entries.

Miscellaneous

16. The FSF reserves the right to cancel this competition or amend the dates at any stage.

17. By entering into this competition, participants will be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of the competition and to have agreed to be bound by them.

18. These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of the Republic of Mauritius.

19. This competition is administered by the FSF, operating under the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius.

20. In view of prevailing conditions resulting from Covid-19, all competitions will be organised in virtual mode. Proceedings might be amended subject to subsequent government decisions.