

Young Talent Competition 2020

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. Eligibility of participants will be as follows:
 - (a) Category 1: Creative Art Competition - Grade 7 to Grade 9
Students of any secondary schools in Mauritius* (Team of 3 participants);
Option A: Drawing
Option B: Creative presentation
 - (b) Category 2: Quiz Competition - Grade 10 and Grade 11
Students of any secondary schools in Mauritius* (Team of 3 participants);
 - (c) Category 3: Debate Competition - Grade 12 and Grade 13
Students of any secondary schools in Mauritius* (Team of 3 participants).

* Note: All students / participants constituting one team should attend the same school.

Prizes

4. The prizes for each category are as follows:

1st prize: Rs 30,000 per participant
2nd prize: Rs 20,000 per participant

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5. Creative 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: Creative presentation

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

Only one creative work will be accepted from each team. The Financial Services Fund (FSF), operating under the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius will not accept any late submissions. 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.

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6. Quiz Competition

Teams will go through the following rounds:

- (a) Zonal Preliminary Test: Preliminary rounds will be conducted by educational zones. Teams will have to go through these preliminary round(s) to progress to the semi-finals and final at zone level.

Following the preliminary round(s), the top 8 teams will thereby progress to the semi-finals.

- (b) Zonal Quiz Competition: During the semi-finals, the 8 teams will compete against each other in a quiz competition to qualify for the semi-finals and final at zone level.

Draws will determine the opposing teams for the quarter finals and semi-finals.

Please note that zone 1 and zone 5 will eventually be merged together to proceed for the finals at national level.

- (c) Finals at National Level: The winner of each of the zones will compete against each other for the semi-finals and final at national level.

Draws will determine the opposing teams for the semi-finals.

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7. Debate Competition

Each team should submit a synopsis of **600 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 A4 paper using 1½ line spacing and characters of not less than 11 pt., font type 'Calibri'.

Only one essay will be accepted from each team. The Financial Services Fund (FSF), operating under the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius 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 be called for the presentation of their essays through a Viva Voce followed by a debate.

Undertaking

8. By submitting your essay to the FSF for this competition, you:

- (a) declare that the essay is your own original work and has been written by you;
- (b) declare that 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 FSF 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 are encouraged to submit their applications online. 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 Form can be downloaded from www.fscmauritius.org).

In case applicants have difficulties in submitting online applications, they may download the PDF version of the Application Form from the website of the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (www.fscmauritius.org).

10. 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, verbal or written, from the responsible party concerned.
11. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
12. The FSF reserves the right to amend the important dates, mentioned below, if necessary.
13. Each team will be required to send their duly filled in application form by post on the following address: Financial Services Commission, Mauritius, FSC House, 54 Cybercity, Ebene 72201 or by email fsf@fscmauritius.org or by fax on 467 7172 by Wednesday 26 February 2020.

Important dates

The tentative dates are as follows:

Tentative Dates	
Launching	Friday 07 February 2020
Closing of Registration	Wednesday 26 February 2020
Briefing Session	Thursday 05 March 2020 (2 Batches)
Preliminary Round - Quiz Session	Tuesday 17 March 2020
Quarter Final - Quiz Competition	Tuesday 24 March 2020
Submission of Synopsis - Debate Competition	Tuesday 24 March 2020
Semi Final - Quiz Competition	Tuesday 31 March 2020
Final - Quiz Competition	Friday 24 April 2020
Submission of Creative Art	Monday 27 April 2020
Viva Voce - Debate Competition	Tuesday 28 April 2020
Final Debate Competition	Tuesday 05 May 2020
Award Ceremony	Friday 15 May 2020

Selection of winners

14. A panel of judges will designate the winning team. The decision of the judges is final and may not be contested.
15. The prize awarded must be taken as provided and cannot be deferred.
16. 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 from 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.
17. 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

18. The FSF reserves the right to cancel this competition or amend the dates at any stage.
19. 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.
20. These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of the Republic of Mauritius.
21. This competition is administered by the Financial Services Fund, operating under the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius.

