

Accenture Innovation Challenge – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. How do I apply for the contest?

Entries will be accepted through an online form as available on the contest website – www.accenture.com/india/innovationchallenge. During the entry period the participants need to complete the online entry form and submit it along with the original idea related to the given innovation categories of 1. Disruptive Businesses, 2. Tech for Good. Participants are encouraged to upload supporting documents and videos that help explain the idea further.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for participating in the contest?

All full-time undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students in India, who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to participate. The participants can be either be an individual; or teams of up to 4 participants from the same college or different colleges, provided that each member of the team meets these eligibility criteria.

3. Can working professionals apply for the contest?

No, the contest is open only to students.

4. Can I participate as an individual?

Yes, you can participate as an individual. You could also participate in teams of two, three or four members.

5. What are the dates of the contest?

Accenture Innovation Challenge is open from 3rd August until 17th September (both days inclusive). If there is any extension of the deadline, it will be called out in the contest website

6. What is the theme of the contest?

The themes for the contest are 1. Disruptive Businesses, 2. Tech for Good. You need to choose either one.

7. What are the prizes?

- Each team member of the grand prize winner will get prizes worth INR 1,00,000
- Each team member of the theme category prize winner (a. 'Disruptive Businesses' and b. 'Tech for Good' will get prizes worth INR 50,000
- Each team member of the jury's choice winner will get prizes worth INR 10,000
- Each team member of the best all-women's team winner will get prizes worth INR 10,000
- Each team member of the most popular team winner will get prizes worth INR 15,000
- Each team member of the employees' choice winner will get prizes worth INR 15,000

All eligible participants of the grand finale will be given a chance to participate in a fast-track recruitment process with Accenture.

8. What is the selection procedure?

Upon receiving the entries, in September 2017, an initial jury will collate the list of entries and evaluate the same based on pre-defined evaluation criteria to determine the final scores to all the qualified entries. Based on the scores that the entries would receive from initial screening, the top teams will need to undergo an online challenge/quiz that would be conducted in the month of October. Scores from the online challenge/quiz would be added to the initial score given by the jury and then the further shortlisting would be done. The teams in the final shortlist will be invited to the grand finale

9. What are the criteria on of which my idea will be evaluated?

Each submission will be evaluated on the basis of three criteria – Innovativeness, technical feasibility and Impact

10. Do I need to have a working prototype of my idea?

No, the idea relevant to the chosen themes is sufficient. If you do have a working prototype, then share relevant information when submitting your entry.

11. Are multiple entries allowed from the same team?

Yes, multiple entries are allowed from the same team. But please keep in mind that the same e-mail ID/Mobile number used by a team captain for submitting one entry cannot be used for submitting a second entry. You either need to have a different team captain or have a different e-mail ID and mobile number for the same team captain.

12. Can students from different colleges be part of the same team?

Yes, students from multiple colleges can be grouped into a single team.

13. What is the difference between 'Registering' and 'Submitting' my entry?

You will first need to 'Register' your team and your innovation details on the contest website. Once you successfully register, you can use the team captain's e-mail ID and the password you created for logging into your account. You can then edit your entry from time to time and keep saving your work. Once your entry is complete, you can 'Submit' the same.

14. Can I submit my entry without registering?

No, you need to register first. You will then have to sign in with your login credentials to be able to submit your entry.

15. What are my login credentials to sign in?

The team captain's e-mail ID and the password you create during the registration process are your login credentials.

16. We are a team of 3 members. Can we use any of our e-mail IDs to sign in?

No, you will have to use the e-mail ID of the team captain you nominated during the registration process.

17. Should I fill in the entire form in order to 'Register' my team and innovation?

Yes, you will need to fill in all the fields, except for the one that asks for 'More information on your innovation' which is an optional field. Only then, you will be able to register. However, you can add more details or change the information on subsequent logins.

18. What if I have forgotten my password and am unable to sign in to my dashboard?

Please use the 'Forgot Password' option given. Please give the team captain's mobile number for getting the OTP (one time password) sent through SMS. Once you provide the OTP, you can reset the password and sign in.

19. Will I be allowed to edit my entry after I submit it?

No, you will not be able to edit your entry after you submit it. However, you can still edit your entry if you use the 'Save' option.

20. Will Accenture use my idea anywhere? Or will they implement it in real life?

The intellectual property of the idea remains with the participant. But please note that Accenture may already possess or have developed products or services similar to those ideas submitted through the entries.

21. Will Accenture fund my innovation?

We do not commit to any funding at this point in time. However, if your idea is relevant to us, we could make a decision later to mentor/fund it.

22. If I have queries related to the contest that are not covered in this document, what do I do?

There's a live chat facility on the contest website. We are live at certain slots on specific days of the week, as updated in the 'About the contest' page of the site. You could also send in your query when the chat is offline. We will revert as soon as possible