

DUBAI FUTURE SOLUTIONS

PROTOTYPES FOR HUMANITY



2025 Edition Entry Guide

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Our mission is to promote and enable the development of tangible solutions for social and environmental challenges, working alongside university innovators, private and public sector.

Why Apply?



Global Promotion

Feature your work among the world's top international university innovation projects, covered by leading global media



Showcase in Dubai

Present your project at the heart of Dubai's innovation hub, to key private and public stakeholders



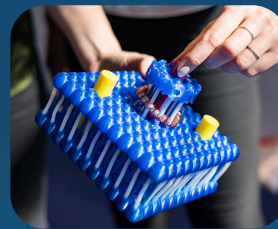
Awards

\$100,000 prize to top researchers, and field trips to support project validation in real-world environment



Community

Connect with change-makers globally, and get dedicated content about your work distributed across our community



Build your Venture

Access direct funding, industry partnerships and expert support, tailored to support project's journey to market

Who Can Participate?

Participation is free and open to:



Current university students on any undergraduate or postgraduate course



University graduates who completed their qualifications within the past two years

Applications can be submitted directly by the student or graduate, or by the supervising professor on their behalf.

Evaluation Criteria

Positive impact on people, communities or the planet

Whether addressing social issues, environmental concerns, or community development, demonstrating the project's potential positive impact will be a crucial factor.

Rigour of academic research

We are seeking projects that demonstrate a deep understanding of the challenges addressed, and the students' ability to propose meaningful and innovative solutions through structured research.

Application of technology

Innovative and effective use of technology (High-tech or Low-tech) is key, whether incorporating cutting-edge advancements or utilising simple yet efficient solutions.



Application Materials

To complete your application, please provide the following:



Online Application Form

Fill out the form with your personal and academic information



Detailed Project Information (PDF)

Upload a comprehensive document that further explains your project. Be sure to include all relevant research, processes, and outcomes



Supporting Digital Media

Enhance your application with visuals to help us fully understand your project:

Images:

High-resolution images of prototypes, models, or related research

Diagrams:

Clear, labeled diagrams showcasing your processes or technology

Videos: (Optional)

Demonstrate your project in action by uploading a video to platforms like YouTube or Vimeo, and sharing the link

Selected Projects

100 projects will be selected to showcase at the Prototypes for Humanity exhibition in Dubai, taking place in **November 2025**

Preparing for the Exhibition

If your project is selected, you will receive an official invitation to participate. To prepare, you will need to provide:



High-resolution images, diagrams, and videos showcasing your project.

These materials are essential for our design team to create a visually impactful and professional display for your project booth.

The exhibition layout, including the design of your project stand, is curated by our team to ensure the best presentation of your work. **Prototypes for Humanity will cover all exhibition-related costs.**

Do you have a physical prototype?

We highly encourage participants to present the latest and most advanced prototypes and/or demo available, as long as it complies with our health and safety guidelines. Our team will offer guidance on bringing your prototype to Dubai to ensure its safe arrival and proper display.

Travel and Accommodation in Dubai

Prototypes for Humanity provides comprehensive support to the 100 select projects, both to leading student and professor/university representative

- **Hotel accommodation** during the event
- **Flight subsidy** to assist with your travel expenses
- **Spending allowance** for the duration of the programme
- **Transport** between the exhibition, hotel and for all programme related activities
- Curated social events during the programme in Dubai

Awards Ceremony

The programme concludes with an **Awards Ceremony** celebrating the most impactful and innovative projects, which are awarded a share of the yearly **\$100,000 prize.**

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