

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - VR/AR CHALLENGE SALZBURG 2017

ORGANISER OF THE VR/AR Challenge Salzburg

The VR/AR Challenge Salzburg is organised by the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences (“the Organiser”) and is supported by various prize-awarding partners (“the Partners”).

OBJECTIVE OF THE COMPETITION

The VR/AR Challenge Salzburg is designed to support the development of new technologies and new content for future media and business solutions. The VR/AR Challenge Salzburg 2017 is calling for project proposals between 21 April and 31 July 2017 in different categories.

RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

Enterprises, scientific institutions, and individuals of legal adult age (Children under 18 years of age may only participate with prior written parental or legal guardian consent) are entitled to participate in the VR/AR Challenge Salzburg 2017. Applications will be accepted from anywhere in the world.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES IN 2017

Descriptions of the Challenge and categories are available at www.vr-summit-salzburg.at. One winner will be selected by the expert panel of each category based on evaluation criteria. The VR/AR Challenge Salzburg winners will each receive a project-bound grant of EUR 5,000 and individual sessions with international Venture Capital experts and coaches. The prize money to be won is earmarked for a specific purpose and may only be used for the submitted projects proposal which received the award.

SUBMISSION PERIOD OF THE VR/AR Challenge Salzburg 2017

Interested participants are requested to submit their ideas electronically between 21 April and 31 July 2017 (please refer to the procedure described below).

PROCEDURE

The competition will be organised and carried out exclusively in English via an online database at www.vr-summit-salzburg.at. At this site there is an application form, which may be used to submit project proposal to any of the categories.

When submitting a project proposal, participants will be asked to provide contact details, which the Organiser will use to inform them of all matters related to the VR/AR Challenge Salzburg 2017 and any other issues the Organiser deems relevant to participants in the competition.

The project proposals will be submitted to a dedicated panel of experts. Each of the experts tasked with evaluating the ideas submitted will be required to commit to a non-disclosure agreement with the Organiser before the ideas are put forward for evaluation.

By participating, participants agree that their personal data and contact details will be passed on to the respective Challenge sponsor after the database has been closed and the winners chosen. This partner may then contact participants to determine whether they are interested in moving forward with the ideas submitted. The Organiser and the Partners shall assume no liability whatsoever for the outcome of the selection process.

ETHICAL GUIDELINES

All submissions describing research experiments with human participants should follow the appropriate ethical guidelines and authors are encouraged to secure and report their preapproval by the relevant ethics commission. An approval by any institutional review board can be indicated via the submission system. This is not a mandatory requirement at this time, but with the current dissemination of VR and AR technology, our community should be aware of this responsibility.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Measures have been taken to ensure the confidentiality of the ideas submitted in the VR/AR Challenge Salzburg 2017. The transmitted ideas will be protected against any access by unauthorised third parties. The experts and all other personnel assigned to organise the competition and evaluate the submissions will also be required by contract to treat all matters as confidential.

During the awards ceremony, the awarded ideas will be made public along with the names and contact details of the prize winners.

By participating in this competition and accepting any of the prizes awarded, all participants agree that the Organiser and initiators may use their names, addresses, comments, likenesses, photos (incl. photos taken of the winners at the Awards Ceremony), and descriptions of their ideas in publicity or advertising concerning the competition or otherwise in any medium now known or hereafter devised (including the Internet or other interactive networks) at any place or time without further compensation or right of review, and agree to waive their rights with respect to any such publicity and advertising.

Once a project proposal has been publicly recognised, the Organiser and the Partners shall take no further responsibility regarding the further cooperation of the respective winner with any of the Partners or members of the expert panels. This also includes cases in which no cooperation between a winner and the respective partner materialises despite the award in question. This declaration of consent can be revoked at any time, including partially, in writing by sending an email to rektorat@fh-salzburg.ac.at.

RIGHTS

Participants shall retain the intellectual property rights to their respective ideas. Whether participants realise their ideas themselves or with a partner of their choice is left to their discretion. Participating in the VR/AR Challenge Salzburg 2017 will not grant participants any additional rights to their respective ideas.

Prior to entering the competition, participants are advised to notify their employers (if applicable) of their ideas in case they were developed in connection with said employment. If chosen as a winner of any category, an idea will be made public; any intellectual property protection (if the idea was not previously protected by a patent) may thus be rendered void or otherwise lost. As a result, the idea may become common property. Participants are therefore strongly advised to protect their ideas adequately, such as by applying for a patent, utility model, or another form of intellectual property protection.

Despite all of the efforts made to keep the participants' ideas and information confidential prior to their publication, participants hereby understand and acknowledge that neither the Organiser nor the Partners shall assume any liability for any damages resulting from their ideas or information becoming public.

By entering the competition, participants affirm that they are the sole owners of all rights pertaining to the ideas they submit and that their participation will not violate the rights of any third party. Should any third-party rights nonetheless come to light, participants further affirm that neither the Organiser nor the Partners shall be held liable for any amount of resulting damages or claims. The Organiser and Partners shall thus be exempt from any third-party claims. Participants shall indemnify and hold the Organiser and all other partners completely harmless in case of any third-party claims.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Salzburg University of Applied Sciences takes no responsibility and shall not be liable regarding the provision of the prizes offered by any of the partners. This also includes the payment of cash awards or the conduction of in-kind services. The fulfilment of the services offered is the sole responsibility of the respective challenge partner.

The decisions made concerning the competition's awards shall not be subject to dispute in a court of law. The decisions rendered by the experts involved in the different Challenges shall be final and binding for all participants in all aspects of the competition. Participants shall have no right to be provided with any justification for the experts' decisions.

Each winner shall be responsible for rendering any and all federal, state, local, provisional, and other taxes.

Winners who are to be awarded a cash prize must submit to the Organiser an official document (signed by their employer) stating that they (and not their company) are to receive said prize.

The Organiser reserves the right to modify the present terms, including any of the deadlines set forth herein, at any time.

Participation in this competition shall be subject to Austria law. Place of jurisdiction shall be Salzburg, Austria.

CONTACT

For more information on the VR/AR Challenge Salzburg, please visit: www.vr-summit-salzburg.at.

If you have any further questions, please send them to rektorat@fh-salzburg.ac.at.