Coller AI Competition 2026

Terms and Conditions

Please read these terms and conditions in full before submitting your application. By submitting an entry into The Coller AI Competition 2026, you are agreeing to comply with the rules and regulations detailed below. We reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions at any point.

Eligibility

1. Any current student at the University of Manchester (UG, Master's, PGT, PGR, PhD) excluding exchange students spending time at the university away from their home institution.
2. Any current staff at the University of Manchester.
3. Graduates from the University of Manchester from any year.
4. At least one founder in the team must be in the above categories
5. International students are eligible to participate in this competition but must ensure that they do not breach any visa restrictions on engaging in business activity.

Competition

6. We reserve the right to not award the prize money if the quality of the applications is insufficient or distribute the prize money differently than outlined in the competition documents.
7. Applicants may request reasonable adjustments during all stages of their application. We will do our best to accommodate requests wherever possible, although it is not always possible to guarantee this. Any requests from current students will be referred to the Disability Advisory and Support Service.
8. The public summary provided by the applicant in the application may be used in public documentation relating to The Coller AI Competition 2026.
9. All correspondence will be with the lead entrant listed on the competition entry using the email supplied on the application.
10. You may not enter more than one submission to The Coller AI Competition 2026. If you submit more than one submission, you will be asked to prioritise what you see as your strongest application. If we do not hear a response by the shortlisting deadline, we will select whichever entry appears to be the strongest based on its merits.
11. By applying, all entrants agree to be photographed and filmed as required by the organising team to be used for marketing purposes connected to the competition. If you would like to opt out of this, please contact community@unit-m.co.uk.
12. The judges' decision must be accepted as final.

Equity Agreement

13. The Coller Foundation will provide the winner with £100,000 of investment through an Advanced Subscription Agreement (ASA). Under the ASA, the funds are advanced now and will convert into equity at a future qualifying funding round. This

gives the company fast access to capital on agreed terms, without needing to complete a full priced equity round immediately. If the company has not yet been incorporated, the investment will be held in escrow until incorporation is complete.

Intellectual Property (IP) and Confidentiality

14. All IP will be managed according to the University's policy/code of conduct related to research. This is set out in The University of Manchester Intellectual Property Policy:(http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=24420).
15. The University of Manchester staff, authorised administrative staff, and the judges, are the only individuals who will have access to the application materials. These individuals regularly deal with sensitive information in the course of their work and will treat all information with the same care and respect for confidentiality.

For any questions about these Terms and Conditions, or about the competition in general, please email community@unit-m.co.uk.