**Application for**

**Proto Axiom Challenger Prize and Open Prize**

Below are the questions and information **for your reference and preparation.**

Applications for the Proto Axiom Challenger Summit will be **open from 26 August to 10 November 2025** and must be submitted online via [our website](https://www.protoaxiom.com/applications/challenger).

Please read the Challenger Summit Guidelines and Rules to understand the requirements before proceeding with your application.

Please ensure that all uploaded documents are free of security protections and are accessible. Acceptable formats for document uploads include PDF, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, JPEG, PNG.

**Please do not upload any confidential IP, especially structures of new chemical entities or confidential peptide / nucleic acid sequences.**

Should you have any queries, please contact us at challenger@protoaxiom.com.

**Application form questions:**

**Presenter’s information**

1. **Title, first name, last name\***
2. **Email\***
3. **Phone\***
4. **Country and state of residence\***
5. **Role in the project\***
6. **Affiliation\*** (Please include any current affiliation to a university/research institute that is relevant to this project, if not applicable enter NA)

**Project information**

1. **Project title\*** (ideally < 5 words– make it concise and impactful)
2. **Project team**

List other members of the project team, including their **full name, email address, role, and current affiliation to a university/research institute** that is relevant to this project.

If a startup company has been established for this project, please provide the details below:

1. **Startup company name** (if applicable)
2. **Company website URL and or social channel**
3. **What university/research institute did the IP originate from?**
4. **Has the startup received any dilutive funding** (ie funding from an investor is considered dilutive. Grant or philanthropic funding is non-dilutive)?
5. **Has the startup generated more than $200,000 AUD per annum in revenue over each of the past 3 years? (yes/no)**
6. **Areas of research\***

Select all that are relevant to the project.

**Disease indications**

Ageing

Autoimmune, allergy

Cancer

Cardiac

Diabetes

Drug development platform technology

Gastrointestinal disorders

Gene therapy

Indigenous health

Infectious disease

Metabolic

Musculoskeletal

Neurocognitive

Ophthalmic

Reproduction

Urogenital

Women’s health

Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Solution Type**

* Therapeutics
* Medical devices
* Diagnostics
* Medtech (e.g. software, SaMD etc.)
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. **What is your elevator pitch?\*** (200 words)
2. **What specific problem are you trying to solve?\*** (200 words, e.g. clinical need, patient cohort etc.)
3. **How are you solving this problem?\*** (200 words)
4. **Current Solution/Standard of care\*** (200 words)
5. **Competitive differentiation\*** (200 words, describe what is fundamentally different about your solution compared to existing drugs/methods/tech & others in development?)
6. **Research progress to date\***(300 words)

(Briefly outline the experiments performed to date that support this idea. What is their physiological relevance to human disease and/or real-life application?)

1. **Alternate Uses\*** (100 words)

Beyond the immediate problem you have been looking at, could you imagine your solution/approach being used for alternate problems or indications? Examples might include the role of your drug target in other disease processes.

1. **Measure of success\*** (200 words)

What is the primary outcome that would be used as a readout for success? This could include your primary endpoint for the next experiment, and/or the primary outcome used in clinical trials. If there are also any biomarkers or early read-outs that you might expect in patients, list these here.

1. **Next Steps\*** (200 words)

What is the next killer experiment to prove your idea and/or move it closer to the clinic?

1. **Use of Prize Funds\***

(Give a short budget overview for use of prize funds and expected timelines to complete this work. Include any additional costs that may be required to achieve your next milestone.)

1. **Grant Funding\***

Has this project previously received any grant funding?

If yes, please advise the value (in $AUD), source of funding, and relevant dates below. If no, please insert N/A.

1. **IP Protection\***

Please describe the current IP status and include patent numbers if patents are published. If no IP has been filed, how do you anticipate being able to obtain IP protection in the future?

1. **Please attach a recent presentation/preview deck, if available** (5-10 slides)

Please do not include the structures of confidential new chemical entities or otherwise sensitive information. If unsure, please consult your institution’s commercialisation team.

1. **Other uploads**

Include key publications and/or patents (up to 3), or other relevant information.

**Confirmations\***

* **Eligibility**: I have read and meet all eligibility criteria (please see Challenger Summit Prize Guidelines and Rules).
* **Confidentiality:** I did not provide or upload any confidential IP, including structures of new chemical entities or confidential peptide / nucleic acid sequences.
* **Accuracy**: To the best of my knowledge all information in my application is accurate and is based on my / our original research.
* **Privacy**: I acknowledge that my personal information will be used in accordance with the Proto Axiom Privacy Policy ([protoaxiom.com/legal/privacy](https://protoaxiom.com/legal/privacy)). By providing my details, I consent to receiving messages from Proto Axiom (including via email and SMS) in connection with this purpose. If I do not provide the personal information collected, Proto Axiom will not be able to process my request.