



## Royal College of Science Union's Science Challenge 2012 Terms & Conditions

Anyone using our website is bound by Section 1 of these Terms & Conditions  
Anyone participating in the Science Challenge – where participation is defined by the submission of an entry for consideration – is bound by the whole document.

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### 1. Website – Acceptable Use Policy

- This acceptable use policy sets out the terms between you and us under which you may access our website [rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge](http://rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge) (our site). This acceptable use policy applies to all users of, and visitors to, our site.
- Your use of our site means that you accept, and agree to abide by, all the policies in this acceptable use policy.
- [rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge](http://rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge) is a site operated by the Royal College of Science Union (“We”), a constituent union of Imperial College Union
- Prohibited uses
  - You may use our site only for lawful purposes. You may not use our site:
    - In any way that breaches any applicable local, national or international law or regulation.
    - In any way that is unlawful or fraudulent, or has any unlawful or fraudulent purpose or effect.
    - For the purpose of harming or attempting to harm minors in any way.
    - To send, knowingly receive, upload, download, use or re-use any material which does not comply with our content standards.
    - To transmit, or procure the sending of, any unsolicited or unauthorised advertising or promotional material or any other form of similar solicitation (spam).
    - To knowingly transmit any data, send or upload any material that contains viruses, Trojan horses, worms, time-bombs, keystroke loggers, spyware,

adware or any other harmful programs or similar computer code designed to adversely affect the operation of any computer software or hardware.

- You also agree:
  - Not to reproduce, duplicate, copy or re-sell any part of our site in contravention of the provisions of our terms of website use.
  - Not to access without authority, interfere with, damage or disrupt:
    - any part of our site;
    - any equipment or network on which our site is stored;
    - any software used in the provision of our site; or
    - any equipment or network or software owned or used by any third party.

Below are the Terms & Conditions you are bound by, and agree to, by participating in The Science Challenge 2012.

## 2. Submission and Participation Criteria

- To be eligible to participate in this competition you must be:
  - A current student of Imperial College London
  - A current student aged between eleven and eighteen at a school or college within the United Kingdom
- Students may only participate in the category for which their age range and educational status permits.
- Multiple entries per student, up to a maximum of four may be made.
- Only one entry per question may be made per student.
- Entries must be the student's own, individual, original work.
- Entries must be made in PDF format.
- Entries must be within 800 +/- 50 words in length.
- Entries must be submitted before 5th March 2012 at 5pm for school entrants or 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 for Imperial College entrants. Entries after these times will not be valid or eligible to win.
- Entries must not contain any identifiable information (name or CID etc) - you will be given a unique entry number to ensure integrity of the judging.
- Entries should be on one of the four questions stated as part of the competition.
- Entries should communicate the answer in a way that any reader could understand and should not be overly technical. A basic grasp of science may be assumed.
- You acknowledge that the RCSU may use without penalty or specific permission your submission in any future advertising material for The Science Challenge.
- Entry will be via the RCSU website only. No other form of submission will be accepted.
- You agree to accept that the decision of the Science Challenge Chair in matters relating to the marking and judgement of this competition is final and non-negotiable.

## 3. Marking Policy

- Entrants acknowledge that the following marking policy will apply. This is due to the high number of entries we receive.
  - All entries will be read by an impartial Doctoral student of Imperial College London.
  - The top three entries will be selected from each question for both the Imperial College entries and the school entries.
  - These entrants will be invited to our Final. In the event that an entrant is picked more than once, their best entry – as deemed by the Science Challenge Chair – will become their submission to the Judges and they will be invited to the Final for that

- entry only. The fourth best entrant in the category or categories for the question(s) not chosen will become the third entry chosen for that question.
- The top three entries for each question for each competition will be passed to our Judges who will decide on the order of the entries (first, second and third place for the Imperial and Schools competition) for their question.
  - One judge will be asked to choose two first overall places out of the eight entries deemed 'first' for both the Imperial and Schools' competition. i.e. An overall first place for Imperial and an overall first place for Schools. The entry that the judge chooses as being deserving of first place overall will be the winner of the category and the overall winner, though will only receive the prize money of overall winner.
  - This marking policy may be altered at any time during the competition by the Science Challenge Chair to reflect unexpected occurrences.
  - Entrants must not attempt to find the identity of the Doctoral pre-judges, or try and influence their decision in any way.
  - Entrants may be disqualified by the Science Challenge Chair for failure to comply with either the Submission & Participation Criteria or the Marking Policy.

#### 4. Privacy Policy

- The RCSU will make all reasonable and required efforts to ensure the security of information submitted to it via:
  - Email
  - [rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge](http://rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge)
  - Telephone
- The RCSU reserves the right to use submitted entries in the future, after entries have closed for whatever purpose it sees fit; not limited to but including:
  - Marketing
  - Promotion
  - Publishing in student media (with the original author credited)
  - Display (at the Final)
- Entrants agree that the RCSU may use their common and family name in promotional material should they be successful in the competition and receive an invite to the Final.
- Entrants acknowledge the RCSU will share full contact details for entrants invited to the Final with the House of Lords to comply with security measures. These contact details will not be made public.
- School entrants acknowledge that the RCSU will require full contact details of their parent or guardian invited also to the Final.

#### 5. Prizes

- The Prize structure for the School's competition is as follows. Prizes are non-transferrable, non-negotiable and are subject to change by the Science Challenge Chair at any point.
  - The Overall Winner of the Imperial competition for 2012 will receive:
    - An invite for the entrant to the House of Lords for the Final, subject to the later conditions.
    - A tour of CERN, Switzerland subject to the later conditions.
    - £2,000 prize money subject to the later conditions.
    - A Trophy
  - First place entrants for each of the questions for the Imperial competition for 2012 (but not the person declared overall winner) will receive:

- An invite for the entrant to the House of Lords for the Final, subject to the later conditions.
  - £500 prize money subject to the later conditions.
  - A Trophy
- The Overall Winner of the Schools competition for 2012 will receive:
  - An invite for the entrant and one parent or guardian to the House of Lords for the Final, subject to the later conditions.
  - A tour of CERN, Switzerland subject to the later conditions.
  - £500 prize money subject to the later conditions.
  - A Trophy
  - A free copy of 'The Art of Science' board game.
- First place entrants for each of the questions for the Schools competition for 2012 (but not the person declared overall winner) will receive:
  - An invite for the entrant and one parent or guardian to the House of Lords for the Final, subject to the later conditions.
  - £250 prize money subject to the later conditions.
  - A Trophy
  - A free copy of 'The Art of Science' board game.
- The invite to the House of Lords is subject to:
  - The entrants and guests agree to:
    - Arrive and depart at the times stated on their invite.
    - Acknowledge a late arrival may deny them entry to the event (subject to House of Lords security)
    - Follow the Rules of the House Of Lords
    - Not take photographs within the Parliamentary Estate Compound
  - An invite to the House of Lords is not transferrable.
  - Identification must be shown on entry.
  - The invite is only valid for the date and time shown on the invite.
  - The route of the tour of the House of Lords prior to the function in the Attlee Room is subject to the daily business of the House.
- The invite to CERN is subject to:
  - The date of the tour of CERN will be chosen by the Science Challenge Chair. This date will be the only date available to take the tour.
  - A minimum notice period of two months will be given.
  - The Tour will be taken by a maximum of the Overall Winner of the School's competition and one parent or guardian, the Overall Winner of the Imperial competition and one guest.
  - The RCSU is not responsible in any way, for the entrants' visit to the CERN complex.
  - The cost of flights/transport/accommodation will be subsidised up to £100 per winning entry.
  - The Route of the Tour is subject to the access available at that time, and is subject specifically to the daily business of CERN.
- The cash prize (of any value) is subject to:
  - Providing the Science Challenge Chair with any information required to pay the cheque, under Imperial College or Imperial Union finance regulations, not limited to, but including:
    - Full name
    - Address
    - CID Number (if applicable)
    - Date of Birth

## 6. Alterations

Any part of this document may be altered by the Science Challenge Chair. The altered Terms & Conditions would from that point on be the Terms & Conditions under which all participants compete. Failure to comply or agree to the altered Terms & Conditions will cancel your participation in the competition.

## 7. Complaints

Complaints should in the first instance be directed to the Science Challenge Chair. An unsatisfactory resolution to complaints may be taken to the RCSU Executive committee.

The Science Challenge Chair for 2012 is Paul Beaumont.

For more information please refer to our website, [rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge](http://rcsu.org.uk/sciencechallenge) or contact:

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