



## FAQs Sustainability Student Idea Competition 2019

The University of Applied Sciences BFI launches its student idea competition 2019.

All students have the opportunity of actively and creatively contributing to the development of our university and thus encouraging innovation. Any ideas - big and small - are welcome!

The theme of the 2019 competition is sustainability - how can we make our FH more sustainable and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

### THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development



#### **Who can submit an idea?**

All current and former students of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna can participate, whether they are studying full-time or part-time. Erasmus student submissions as well as team submissions are possible. Students or teams may participate in the competition with several ideas but can be considered only once in the winner ranking – in this case, the higher ranked placing is being awarded.

#### **What counts as an idea? Can I enter with more than one idea?**

We explicitly encourage all contributions of knowledge, expertise and ideas. In order to be considered, ideas should be feasible, their implementation possible at a reasonable cost and should comply with the strategic goals of the University of Applied Sciences BFI.

Any suggestion counting as an idea could e.g.:

- improve the professional/human relations or knowledge exchange between stakeholders
- expand innovative services or creative teaching and learning methods
- enhance students' identification with the University of Applied Sciences BFI
- create new (personal) development opportunities for students
- increase the reputation of the university internally and externally



- raise the performance and innovation potential and/or the research profile of the university
- simplify or facilitate processes
- optimize the work-life balance and promote sustainability
- reduce costs through savings in material, energy and labor
- strengthen the network with corporate and research partners, sponsors and future employers

### **Where can I submit an idea? How do I enter?**

Mag.<sup>a</sup> Jeanna Nikolov-Ramirez ([Jeanna.nikolov@fh-vie.ac.at](mailto:Jeanna.nikolov@fh-vie.ac.at)) from the quality management departments is your contact point for idea submission. She can also assist you with questions on how to best present your idea.

The submission template is sent to all students by mail.

### **Are there any limitations?**

The deadline for submission is November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The submission form should not exceed the max. length of 2-3 pages.

### **What should the idea include to be eligible?**

An idea needs to clearly demonstrate innovation and benefits and its support of the UN sustainable development goals. Moreover, it is important to outline how it would be implemented.

### **What are knockout criteria for an idea?**

An idea will not be recognized when one or more of the following criteria apply:

- Criticism without concrete suggestions for improvement
- Ideas which are discriminating against others
- Lack of innovation or suggestions that are already included in university communications
- Ideas contradicting the legal framework

The above cases preclude recognition and award.

### **What are the eligibility criteria an idea is graded on?**

Ideas will be evaluated based on the following seven criteria:

1. Sustainability: Contributes to the implementation of the SDGs ([UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)) at the FH,
2. Originality/Degree of Innovation,
3. Feasibility (effort for implementation),
4. Stakeholder Satisfaction/Work Facilitation
5. PR Effect (helps to promote a positive university image),
6. Resource / Time Efficiency
7. Support of strategic university goals

### **Who rates the ideas and what can I win?**

Winners will be determined by a jury, composed of university employees and student representatives. The university CEO has a veto right on the feasibility of ideas. In case of a tie, the CEO decides on the ranking.

The best idea wins a Micro E-Bike.



The 2nd place will be awarded with an E-Scooter.



and the 3rd place with Grüne Erde Vouchers worth 200 euros.



If a team wins, the main prize will be handed over to the submitting person (team leader). The prizes are not redeemable in cash.

The prizes will be awarded during the summer of 2019.

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Any legal action is precluded. There is no right of appeal.