

CALL FOR APPLICATION TO RP KARONGI COLLEGE INNOVATION COMPETITION

Background

The Government of Rwanda aspires to reach the upper middle-income status by 2035 that will require intense improvements in both the amount and the quality of human capital. Youth empowerment is one of the fastest approaches to ensure a sustainable and qualified human capital.

The Government of Rwanda has reinforced its education system by establishing TVET schools to develop practical knowledge-based curriculum to create solution makers for community challenges and an upskilled workforce for the private sector.

The Government of Rwanda and Agence française de Développement (AFD) signed 5-year grant/loan agreements on 8th March 2023 to implement AFTER II Project (*Appui à la Formation Technique et l'Emploi au Rwanda*). AFTER II aims to improve technical and vocational education and learning conditions in order to strengthen the skills of employees in line with labor market requirements.

It is in this background Agence française de Développement through Expertise France in partnership with Rwanda polytechnic Karongi college organised Innovation competition among RP Karongi College students, the application date and end date are from 31st October 2024 up to 15th November 2024.

The awards are follows:

1st Candidate:3,000,000Rwf

2nd Candidate:2,000,000Rwf

3rd Candidate:1,000,000Rwf

The application process, requirements and other information kindly contact Mr. IRANZI Meshack Bobeo Meira on +250788296829 Incubation Specialist and biranzi.rp.ac.rw not later than 15th November 2024.

Done at KARONGI on 30th October 2024.

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1. Eligibility

- i. Being Rwandan with 16-30 yrs. old.
- ii. Being enrolled in year 1,2&3 at RP Karongi college.
- iii. Having a running innovation project or have a proven feasible prototype that is embedded with trending technologies.
- iv. Having demonstrated entrepreneurship eagerness and commitment to develop presented project beyond the education system.
- v. Responsive to the existing needs or problems

2. Application

3.1 Applicant Information

- (1) Names:
- (2) Reg Number
- (3) ID Number:
- (4) Gender:
- (5) Phone Number:
- (6) Email:
- (7) School Name
- (8) Level:
- (9) Faculty /Department

3.1 Project Information

- (1) Name of the project:
- (2) Field Category:
 - Modernize agriculture
 - Health Solution
 - Trade and Tourism Facility

- Business and Service system
- Environmental protection tool
- Information Technology related
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Other Technological Solution, please specify.....

(3) Stage of the project:

- Conceptual
- Prototype
- Running Project
 - (a) Finalized
 - (b) Commercialized

(4) Is the project developed by a team?

- No Yes

(5) Problem statement:

(6) Proposed solution

(7) Technical Functionality of the solution

(8) Expected support if you are selected

- a) Financial Support
- b) Training and Resources
- c) Mentorship and Guidance
- d) Technical or Logistical Assistance
- e) Networking Opportunities
- f) Feedback and Evaluation
- g) Recognition and Exposure



h) Opportunities for Collaboration.

LOADMAP OF ACTIVITY FOR INNOVATION COMPETITION AT RP KARONGI COLLEGE

S/N	Activity	timeline
1	Call for application and awareness	31 th October-15 th November, 2024
2	Pre – selection process	15 th -30 th November ,2024
3	Pre hackathon selection bootcamp	15 th January to 6 Feb 2025
3	Hackathon selection (Pitching)	6 th Feb to 10 th February 2025
4	Facilitator allocation to incubates	11 th Feb, 2025
5	Student’s projects diagnosis	12 th Feb -12 March 2025
6	Incubates enrollment and pre incubation period	15 th March – 15 th September 2025
7	Incubates hub allocation	18 th September – 22 nd September 2025
8	Innovation competition	1 st October 2025
9	Awards and certificates	8 th October ,2025



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