DBSA YOUTH CHALLENGE
Your solution matters

Win your share of R1.5 million towards your infrastructure development idea.
#DBSAYouthChallenge
The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) is a leading development finance institution (DFI) operating across the African continent. We provide infrastructure financing in the energy, transport, water and Information Communications and Technology (ICT) sectors, with a secondary focus on the education, health and human settlements sectors. We believe that financing infrastructure is about improving people’s lives and growing the economy.

With the inaugural DBSA Youth Challenge, we are inviting youth legally residing in South Africa to submit their ideas and solutions that improve the lives of our communities by addressing infrastructure challenges in new and innovative ways that build Africa’s prosperity.

The DBSA is committed to building Africa’s prosperity. We believe that development is an inclusive process towards enriched and sustainable livelihoods. The DBSA Youth Challenge is an invitation to youth legally residing in South Africa between the ages of 18 and 35 to come up with new solutions to the infrastructure problems we see every day.

We are looking for innovative ideas and solutions, big and small that address the challenges we face in infrastructure within the transport, water, energy, Information Communications and Technology (ICT), education, health and human settlements sectors.

So, enter now and join us in building Africa’s prosperity.

CRITERIA & PRIZES

Ideas will be selected according to:
1) Originality
2) Relevance
3) Technical feasibility
4) Quality of the submission, motivation and presentation
5) Scalability

Prize: Share of R1.5 million

The Top 10 finalists will meet public and private sector organisations for networking and marketing opportunities.
Energy

Your idea will contribute to economic and environmentally sustainable energy generation, storage and/or distribution.

Transport

Your idea improves access, safety and/or the experience of public commuters, or reduces traffic congestion and air pollution or increases the efficiency of moving goods.

Water

Your idea reduces water pollution and/or increases access to clean potable water.

ICT

Your idea solves the challenge of access faced by many, breaking down those barriers to digital accessibility and connectivity.

Education

Your idea solves the need of access to quality education for every child ensuring that they’re equipped for the future.

Health

Your idea improves access to quality affordable primary healthcare in marginalised communities in urban and rural areas of the country.

Human Settlements

Your idea offers a solution to the need for affordable, environmentally sustainable housing in informal settlements and/or rural areas of the country.
1. Fill in the application form and include a short motivation answering why you think yours is the winning idea.
2. The competition is open to anyone legally residing in South Africa. DBSA employees, their immediate families as well as DBSA partners, service providers and other companies associated with the competition and with the DBSA are not eligible.
3. There is no application fee.
4. Applications that are incomplete in any way will be disqualified.
5. Applicants must be in a position to support and motivate their submission at any stage of the process.
6. A duly completed form with a full description of the innovation must accompany each submission, failing which, the entry will be disqualified.
7. Each mandatory question must be answered fully.
8. Entries close on 31 August 2019 and no late submissions will be considered.
9. No email applications will be considered.
10. Applications must be submitted in English.

Entries should be submitted via www.dbsayouthchallenge.org or completed on the competition form and posted to:

The DBSA Youth Challenge
DBSA
1258 Lever Road, Headway Hill
Midrand
1685

For any questions regarding the DBSA Youth Challenge application process, please check the DBSA website and if you still have questions then contact the Competition Secretariat: infoyc@dbsa.org
First Name: ____________________________________________

Last Name: ____________________________________________

Do you reside in South Africa?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you between the ages of 18 and 35?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: ____________________________________________

Cellphone Number: ____________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________

Have you entered this idea in other competitions within the running period of this competition?
☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you find out about this competition?
☐ Through social media
☐ Other: Specify below

Which sector does your idea fall under? (You can select more than one if applicable to your idea)
☐ Energy
☐ Transport
☐ Water
☐ ICT
☐ Education
☐ Health
☐ Human Settlements
2) In 200 words or less, explain your innovation (how it works) and how you think that it can solve the challenge/s.
3) In 100 words or less, tell us who will benefit from your solution.

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

4) How do you think your solution will better the lives of ordinary South Africans?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

☐ I have read the terms and conditions

_________________________________________ Your Signature
1. Can I submit more than one idea?
   Only one entry per person.

2. How old must I be to participate?
   Between the ages of 18 and 35 at the time of submitting an entry.

3. What are the prizes?
   Win your share of R1.5 million.

   The Top 10 finalists will meet public and private sector organisations for networking and marketing opportunities.

4. What is the deadline for submissions?
   The competition will close on 31 August 2019.

5. Can my idea be about anything?
   As long as it addresses a challenge within one or more of the sectors listed in the challenge.

6. Can I enter as part of a group?
   No.

7. How do I know if my submission was received?
   If you have submitted an entry, you will receive an Email confirmation within a day of submitting your entry.

8. Can I come back and change my submission after it has been submitted?
   No. Adjudication starts as soon an entry is received.
The selection process of the eventual challenge winner entails a rigorous process. This is designed to ensure the integrity of the process.

By submitting an application for this challenge, the applicant fully recognises and agrees to adhere to the process set out in this document.

1. No exceptions will be made to any application and failure to participate at any level will lead to disqualification from subsequent levels.
2. To avoid conflict of interest, the challenge selection panel members, technical validation experts, and their immediate family members shall be ineligible to submit an entry.
3. By entering and accepting the 2019 DBSA Youth Challenge T&C’s, the winner is required to participate in marketing activities promoting their innovations and the challenge in general.
4. By accepting the prize, the winner also accepts and agrees to dedicate some time towards marketing and promoting the challenge.
5. By entering this competition, participants agree to provide biographical details and photographs as and when requested by the challenge for free usage in marketing and promoting this competition through various media and platforms.
6. No responsibility can be accepted for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post, or due to computer error or transmission.
7. Entries that are incomplete, illegible or indecipherable will not be considered.
8. The competition has the right to cancel the prize at any time, if a selected applicant is found ineligible or does not fulfil the conditions laid down for the prize.
9. Misrepresentation of any kind, or use of copyrighted material will lead to disqualification from the competition.
10. Upon receipt of submission, the challenge will ensure the strict protection of submissions, and everyone involved in the challenge selection process will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).
11. The Intellectual Property rights will vest with the winners, with the DBSA reserving the right of first refusal on further project development.
12. Entries may not be modified or withdrawn at any time without notice.
13. The DBSA, or any of its appointed agents will not be liable for the costs of generating ideas, entering the competition, or development of material for purposes of participating in this competition in whatever form.
14. In the event of a discrepancy between these standard terms and conditions and the details in the promotional material (or any other terms and conditions provided/referred to at the time of entry), the details of the promotional material (and any other terms and conditions provided/referred to at the time of entry) shall prevail.
15. The decision of the challenge selection panel shall be final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.
16. Once the shortlist of candidates has been selected, you will be contacted by the DBSA and requested to provide proof of your legal status in South Africa in order to continue with the competition.