

mHUB Powered Challenge — Official Submission Terms

By submitting an application or other materials to the mHUB Powered Challenge (the “**Challenge**”), each applicant (“**Applicant**”) agrees to the following terms.

1. Applicant Ownership

Applicant retains ownership of all intellectual property rights that Applicant owns in the ideas, technologies, materials, and other information included in its submission (“**Submission**”).

Participation in the Challenge does not, by itself, assign or transfer ownership of Applicant’s intellectual property to mHUB, any named sponsor, or any other party.

Applicant represents that it has the right to submit the Submission and to grant the rights described in these terms.

2. Non-Confidential Submissions

The Challenge is intended to evaluate ideas and potential solutions from a variety of sources. **Submissions will not be treated as confidential.**

Applicant should not include trade secrets or other confidential, proprietary, or sensitive information that Applicant does not wish to disclose on a non-confidential basis.

Neither mHUB nor any named sponsor assumes any confidentiality obligation with respect to a Submission solely because it was submitted through the Challenge.

3. Permission to Evaluate Submissions

Applicant grants mHUB and [Challenge sponsors, judges, advisors, and service providers involved in administering or evaluating the Challenge] a non-exclusive, royalty-free right to review, reproduce, distribute internally, and otherwise use the Submission as reasonably necessary to administer the Challenge and evaluate Applicant’s participation.

This permission does not transfer ownership of Applicant’s intellectual property and does not, by itself, grant mHUB or any named sponsor a license to commercially implement Applicant’s patented, copyrighted, or otherwise legally protected technology.

4. Eligibility

The Challenge is open to individuals, teams, startups, entrepreneurs, academic institutions, research laboratories, and other organizations (“Applicants”) who:

- Submit a complete application through the official application process by the stated deadline;
- Have the authority to submit on behalf of the organization named in the application, where applicable.

Not eligible to participate: mHUB employees, board members, judges, and their immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling) or household members; and any individual or organization with an undisclosed material conflict of interest with a judge or reviewer.

Void where prohibited by law.

5. Similar and Independently Developed Ideas

Applicant acknowledges that mHUB, any named sponsor, other Challenge applicants, and third parties may currently be developing, may previously have developed, or may later develop ideas, technologies, products, programs, or solutions that are similar or identical to concepts described in a Submission.

Submission to the Challenge does not restrict mHUB or any named sponsor from independently developing, evaluating, funding, acquiring, partnering on, or implementing similar or competing ideas or solutions, whether developed internally or obtained from another applicant or third party.

Nothing in these terms, however, authorizes mHUB or any named sponsor to infringe Applicant's valid intellectual property rights.

6. No Obligation to Use or Pursue a Submission

Submission to or participation in the Challenge does not create any obligation on the part of mHUB or any named sponsor to:

- select or recognize an Applicant;
- use or implement a Submission;
- purchase or license any technology or intellectual property;
- invest in or fund an Applicant;
- enter into a pilot, partnership, procurement arrangement, or other commercial relationship; or
- negotiate or enter into any future agreement with an Applicant.

Except for any prize expressly awarded under the Challenge, neither mHUB nor any named sponsor owes Applicant compensation as a result of Applicant's participation or consideration of its Submission.

8. Prize and Future Opportunities

The Applicant selected as the Challenge winner will be eligible to receive a **\$20,000 cash prize**, subject to these terms and any applicable eligibility, tax, verification, and other Challenge requirements.

The prize recognizes the winning Applicant's participation and selection in the Challenge. **The prize does not constitute the purchase, assignment, or license of the winning Applicant's intellectual property.**

mHUB, any named sponsor, and a selected Applicant may choose to explore a pilot, implementation, investment, license, procurement relationship, partnership, or other opportunity following the Challenge. Any such relationship, including any additional intellectual property or commercialization rights, will be subject to a separate written agreement between the applicable parties.

Neither selection as a winner nor receipt of the prize guarantees any future relationship.

9. Publicity

[For finalists/winners only:] Applicant agrees that, if selected as a finalist or winner, mHUB and any named sponsor may identify Applicant publicly in connection with the Challenge and may use Applicant's name, organization name, logo, the title of its Submission, and a non-confidential description of the Submission for Challenge-related communications, announcements, and promotional purposes.

[Any broader use of Applicant's trademarks, photographs, or other materials should be subject to Applicant's approval or additional terms as appropriate.]

10. Applicant Responsibility

Applicant is responsible for determining whether participation in the Challenge is appropriate in light of its intellectual property and confidentiality obligations.

Applicant represents that its Submission does not knowingly violate the intellectual property, confidentiality, contractual, or other rights of any third party and that Applicant has obtained any permissions necessary to make the Submission.

Applicants affiliated with universities, employers, laboratories, research institutions, or other organizations are responsible for confirming that their participation and Submission comply with any applicable policies or contractual obligations of those organizations.

11. No Partnership or Agency

Participation in the Challenge does not create an employment, agency, joint venture, fiduciary, partnership, or other similar relationship between Applicant and mHUB or any named sponsor.

10. Challenge Administration

mHUB reserves the right, subject to applicable law, to determine Applicant eligibility, evaluate Submissions, select finalists and winners, interpret these terms, and modify, suspend, or cancel the Challenge if circumstances reasonably require.

Challenge decisions are final except where otherwise required by applicable law.

11. Additional Terms

Participation may be subject to additional eligibility requirements, application instructions, deadlines, judging criteria, prize requirements, and other rules published by mHUB in connection with the Challenge.

In the event of a conflict between these Official Submission Terms and general promotional or marketing materials concerning intellectual property, confidentiality, evaluation of Submissions, or the prize, these Official Submission Terms will control.

Applicant Acknowledgment

By submitting an application, Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read and agrees to these Official Submission Terms and specifically understands that:

- (a)** Applicant retains ownership of its intellectual property;
- (b)** Submissions are not confidential;
- (c)** mHUB and any named sponsor may evaluate the Submission for purposes of the Challenge;
- (d)** mHUB and any named sponsor remain free to independently pursue, develop, or work with others on similar ideas and solutions, subject to Applicant's valid intellectual property rights;
- (e)** participation does not obligate mHUB or any named sponsor to use, purchase, license, implement, fund, or otherwise pursue the Submission; and
- (f)** any future implementation, commercialization, licensing, investment, procurement, or partnership arrangement would require a separate agreement.