

Innovation & Valorisation Pitch Session Judging Scorecard

Friday 30 October 2026 · 13:00–14:30


How to score Use one sheet per team · score each criterion 1–5

1 Not evident

Missing or unclear

2 Weak
Some elements,
major gaps
3 Adequate

Meets expectations

4 Strong
Clear and
convincing
5 Exceptional
Outstanding,
among the best
Judge & team details

JUDGE NAME

TEAM / IDEA NAME

TEAM NO.

Scoring criteria

CRITERION	WEIGHT	SCORE (CIRCLE ONE)
1 Originality & Research Merit Is the underlying idea novel, rigorous, and grounded in sound research?	25%	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5
2 Clarity of Impact Pathway Is it clear who benefits and how the idea creates real value?	25%	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5
3 Feasibility & Partnerships Is the pathway realistic, with credible partners/resources identified?	25%	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5
4 Delivery & Communication Was the pitch clear, confident, and compelling?	25%	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Scores

Research Impact (1 + 2)

/ 10

Total

/ 20

Total = sum of the four scores (each weighted equally at 25%). **Tie-break:** if teams are level on the award score or total, the higher total wins, then the higher score on criterion 2 (Clarity of Impact Pathway); if still level, the panel decides.

Judge's notes
Award categories
Best Research Impact
Strongest originality + clarity of
impact pathway.

Highest score on criteria 1 + 2

Most Valorisation Potential
Strongest feasibility + partnership
credibility.

Highest score on criterion 3

People's Choice
Decided by live audience vote,
not judges' scores.

Not scored on this sheet