



AMISA Social Innovation Diamond Challenge

Created by the University of Delaware's Horn Entrepreneurship program in 2012, the Diamond Challenge is an internationally recognized innovation and entrepreneurship competition designed for high school students. The competition encourages young aspiring entrepreneurs to develop innovative solutions, while providing them with the opportunity to showcase their ideas and receive feedback from a panel of international judges consisting of experienced entrepreneurs, investors, and industry experts.

The **AMISA Social Innovation Diamond Challenge** is a unique pathway for students enrolled in AMISA schools to participate in the Diamond Challenge experience and potentially represent their school at the international Diamond Challenge Summit and have the opportunity to earn up to \$12,500, to further advance their Social Impact projects. This competition aims to inspire young innovators across the AMISA network to develop sustainable solutions that address social challenges and drive positive change in their local communities.

Timeline

Dates*	Event	Description
Fall (September)	Kickoff Event	All interested high school students that are enrolled in an AMISA partner school will have the exciting opportunity to participate in the AMISA Social Innovation Diamond Challenge Kickoff Event . This event will be filled with engaging activities and workshops hosted by The Horn Entrepreneurship Program at The University of Delaware, providing valuable insights and inspiration that will help participants with their journey in the Diamond Challenge.
Early January	Submission round	Teams submit their Social Impact ideas through the Diamond Challenge virtual portal for the Submission Round . This submission will allow teams to receive valuable judging feedback to refine their concepts further. All AMISA team proposals will be carefully evaluated by judges based on whether the concept is viable, the potential impact it can make, and the team's ability to succeed.
Early February	Feedback released and Finalists announced	All AMISA team submissions will receive detailed feedback and evaluations from the judges. The top teams will be selected as finalists to advance to the AMISA virtual pitch round, providing them with an exciting opportunity to showcase their social impact ideas.
Mid - End of	Virtual	Finalists will participate in the AMISA virtual pitch event ,



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February	Pitch Event	where they will present their ideas to a panel of judges. The winners of this round will earn the opportunity to pitch their Social Impact ideas at the Diamond Challenge Summit in Delaware.
End of April	Diamond Challenge Summit, University of Delaware	AMISA winners will have the opportunity to attend the three-day Diamond Challenge Summit which will take place in Delaware. This immersive experience will bring together exceptional young entrepreneurs, mentors, and industry experts from around the world. Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their Social Impact ideas, network, attend workshops, and engage in transformative discussions.

***Estimates based on 2022-23 Diamond Challenge schedule**

Important Info:

Participation in the AMISA Social Innovation Diamond Challenge is free of charge for high school students that are enrolled in an AMISA partner school. However, we kindly request that all participating AMISA schools assist in the recruitment of at least two virtual judges for the challenge.

Winning teams selected to attend the Diamond Challenge Summit will be responsible for providing transportation and accommodation to the event.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the AMISA Social Innovation Diamond Challenge, please do not hesitate to contact us at diamondchallenge@isp.edu.pa

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