



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS SCHEME (YES): CALLING FOR REGISTRATION AND “BUSINESS IDEAS”

PETALING JAYA, Feb 11: The Association of Science, Technology, and Innovation (ASTI), being the Malaysian Partner is officially launching Young Entrepreneurs Scheme (YES) Competition and Calling for Registration and “Business Ideas” from PhD students and postdoctoral researchers from any university based in Malaysia.

The Young Entrepreneurs Scheme (YES) is an innovative global competition developed to raise awareness among postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers of how ideas from science and engineering can be commercialised. This is the 25th year of the competition and in that time over 5,943 early career researchers have taken part.

YES20 is organised in partnership with The University of Nottingham’s Haydn Green Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (HGI), the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), GlaxoSmithKline plc (GSK), Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst (SBC) and Syngenta.

Through YES, the participants will be competing directly with other universities in the UK. ASTI is offering a scholarship for two teams (consisting of four or five members) to participate in this innovative competition taking place online 10-12 March. Finalists will have an opportunity to compete for a prize fund of £15k

The Important Deadlines are as below:

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| 1 March | Submit a simple business idea aligned with a theme below |
| 10 – 12 March | Attend online “plant, microbial and environment” workshop (9am-5pm GMT) |
| 23 April | Attend online Final (9am-5pm GMT) |

The interested individual or team of 4 -5 members can register and submit their “Business Ideas” to <https://forms.gle/Ss1kBUMZEyewRBAT8> or visit <https://www.asti.org.my/yes/>. For further inquiry, we can be reached via email at asti2510@gmail.com or WhatsApp us at 014-7124217.

ASTI is a non-governmental and non-profit oriented organization (NGO) working towards empowering young children's' interest in science through the act of doing where learning is achieved from discovering scientific principles themselves. In order to achieve this vision, ASTI has experimented with various projects and has successfully gained traction on programs such as the Science Fair for Young Children (SFYC), Young Inventors Challenge (YIC), Creative, and Critical Thinking Camp (CCTC), and others. Each of these programs are interlinked in order to provide a platform for participation of young students that is holistic and inclusive in nature. Please refer to our website www.asti.org.my for more information regarding our projects.