



The Ghana Science & Tech Explorer Prize (GSTEP) Challenge 2025

Terms & Conditions

The Ghana Science & Tech Explorer Prize (GSTEP) Challenge 2025 is run by DreamOval Foundation with funding from Fondation Botnar. The challenge is delivered in collaboration with our key partners, Partnership Bureau, Practical Education Network, and Shulem Lake which can be found on our website: www.gstep.org.gh.

Please read these Terms & Conditions carefully before submitting an entry. By submitting an entry, you accept these Terms & Conditions and agree that you and your team will comply with them. The adult representative is responsible for ensuring that their team members understand and comply with these Terms & Conditions.

1. Participating in the Challenge

- 1.1. Junior High Schools (JHS) based in the Greater Accra, Eastern and Ashanti regions of Ghana are eligible to enter the GSTEP Challenge. All entries received by the relevant deadline will be assessed against the relevant judging criteria available at www.gstep.org.gh. Late entries and entries in languages other than English will not be accepted. We are not responsible for entries which are lost, incomplete, damaged or late due to a computer, network or telecommunications failure based on third party telephone or data networks.
- 1.2. Employees of DreamOval Foundation, the GSTEP consortium team, and their immediate families, are not eligible to enter.
- 1.3. Unless otherwise stated, you may submit more than one idea. Each idea submitted needs to be innovative and different to any other ideas you have submitted.
- 1.4. You must bear all the costs of entering and participating in the GSTEP Challenge, including travel costs, with the exception of travel costs incurred as a result of your attendance to events relating to the Challenge and with a confirmed pre-approval from DreamOval Foundation to fund such activity.
- 1.5. Full participation in challenges, tests and other events are a condition of participation in the GSTEP Challenge. Shortlisted entries may be asked



to complete further challenges as described in the promotional materials. Performance will then be assessed against the relevant judging criteria.

- 1.6. Each team must be supported by an adult representative over 18. Most of these representatives will be teachers or a member of staff at school, but other adults (such as parents) are also eligible. The adult representative must obtain parent or legal guardian's written consent for each child under the age of 18 in their team to participate in the GSTEP Challenge, to provide their personal details to DreamOval Foundation and for DreamOval Foundation, to publish the name and images of the child in promotional materials for the GSTEP Challenge. The adult representative is responsible for their team members throughout the Challenge and must provide appropriate supervision for any members under the age of 18, including while on the premises of DreamOval Foundation and our partners.
- 1.7. We will use the contact details provided by the adult representative to contact you about the GSTEP Challenge. All communication between you and us in relation to the Challenge must be in English. If you don't respond within 14 days, or if you subsequently withdraw or are withdrawn from the Challenge for any reason, we may select another entry in your place, but are not obliged to do so.
- 1.8. The judges' decision about eligibility, shortlisting and the prize award, including the validity of any claims and data submitted, is final. Correspondence will not be entered into. The judges may at their sole discretion decide not to award the prize where, in their reasonable opinion, no entry meets the relevant criteria.
- 1.9. The GSTEP Challenge should only be used in ways that will advance science and technology education within your school. DreamOval Foundation reserves the right to impose additional conditions, if appropriate in our reasonable opinion, if the Challenge has not resulted in sufficient public benefit in line with our charitable objectives, or to comply with other legal requirements. Any cash components of the prize will be paid in Ghana Cedis and the prize winner is responsible for payment of any related taxes and other charges.
- 1.10. We reserve the right at our sole discretion to:



- 1.10.1. refuse any entry or to make no award if none of the entries meet our required standards;
- 1.10.2. remove a participating team from the GSTEP Challenge if any member of that team does not comply with these Terms & Conditions; if any team member cheats or behaves in a way which is disruptive, inappropriate or potentially dangerous; or if the team fails to participate fully, or does anything to damage the reputation of DreamOval Foundation or its partners;
- 1.10.3. vary the form or substance of the GSTEP Challenge (including these Terms & Conditions, deadlines, event dates and the number of entries selected for each phase) as we deem appropriate in the circumstances. Variations will take effect from the date they are posted on our website, so please check the website regularly. If you are not happy with the changes, you and your team should withdraw from the Challenge; your continued participation will indicate your agreement to any changes; and
- 1.10.4. suspend or terminate the GSTEP Challenge if funding for the Challenge is reduced materially or withdrawn, if we determine in our reasonable opinion that the Challenge will no longer achieve its aims or there are changes or developments outside our control that affect the Challenge.

2. Your Promises to Us

- 2.1. To participate in the GSTEP Challenge, you must:
 - 2.1.1. satisfy the relevant eligibility criteria and ensure that all information submitted by you is true, accurate and complete. We reserve the right to ask for additional evidence of claims made by you, to validate claims by any means we see fit and/or to reject claims at our sole discretion;
 - 2.1.2. submit a proposal which is your own original idea and not copied from anyone else; we do not accept plagiarism;
 - 2.1.3. have, or will obtain all authorisations, consents and permissions necessary to submit your entry, carry out your proposal and comply with these Terms & Conditions; and provide a copy of



such authorisations, consents and permissions to DreamOval Foundation on request;

- 2.1.4. ensure that your entry will not infringe on any intellectual property or other third party rights or breach any contractual obligation. We may withdraw your entry if we receive notice that it infringes any third party rights;
- 2.1.5. act lawfully, ethically and in good faith and comply with any relevant laws, regulations, guidelines and codes of practice, including those in relation to safeguarding, health & safety, security; and child and sexual abuse and child trafficking;
- 2.1.6. comply with, and ensure your team members comply with, the rules, reasonable instructions, policies and procedures of the GSTEP Challenge while participating in the GSTEP Challenge;
- 2.1.7. comply and ensure your team members comply with these Terms & Conditions and any other relevant conditions.

3. Intellectual Property and Publicity

- 3.1. You will retain your intellectual property rights in your entry to the GSTEP Challenge.
- 3.2. We will use the information which you provide, including personal details of you and your team members, to process your entry to the GSTEP Challenge, to administer the Challenge, to let you know about other GSTEP partner events and activities or to evaluate the Challenge. We may share it with our partners and anyone helping us to run the Challenge, subject to appropriate obligations of confidentiality and data protection. We will only share personal details of team members under the age of 18 with partners and contractors, as necessary, for administration of the Challenge subject to appropriate obligations of confidentiality and data protection. Some of these organisations may process your information in countries outside of Ghana, where data protection laws are not the same. For more information on how we use your personal data please see our Privacy Policy.
- 3.3. DreamOval Foundation and our partners may carry out publicity and promotion for the GSTEP Challenge and publish our research and



evaluation in relation to the GSTEP Challenge. You agree that your school/organisation will participate in publicity for the Challenge and you consent to the use of your school/organisation's name, logo, a summary of your proposal, and photographs/recordings of your school/organisation's participation in the Challenge in promotions and publications in any media and online publication. If requested by DreamOval Foundation, you will request parental or legal guardian written consent for photographs/recordings of team members under the age of 18. Before publication, we will take into account your concerns about confidentiality and intellectual property rights in your entry. Any public statements made by a shortlisted entrant or winner in relation to the Challenge during the period of the Challenge and for the following year must acknowledge the support of DreamOval Foundation and our partners. Such statements must be approved by DreamOval Foundation in advance.

4. Limitation of Liability

- 4.1. To the extent permitted by applicable law, DreamOval Foundation excludes all liability for any direct or indirect loss or liability, costs, claims, taxes, charges or expenses arising from your participation in the GSTEP Challenge or your reliance on statements made or advice given by us, our partners or contractors. If you submit any materials or items as part of your entry to the Challenge, this is at your own risk. DreamOval Foundation gives no undertakings to keep safely, maintain or return any materials or items.
- 4.2. Without prejudice to Clause 4.1, our maximum liability to you in connection with the GSTEP Challenge (if any) is limited to GHS100. Nothing in these Terms & Conditions excludes or limits our liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or fraudulent misrepresentation by us or our partners.

5. Force Majeure

Neither DreamOval Foundation, nor its partners, shall be in breach of these Terms & Conditions, nor liable for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of its obligations pursuant to these Terms & Conditions if such delay or failure results from events, circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control.



6. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms & Conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Ghana and you hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Ghana.

DreamOval Foundation's company registration number is C0001759213.

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