



**MUSANZE COLLEGE**

**27<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**From:** Deputy Principal in Charge of Academics and Training

**To:** All students

Dear students,

**Re: Call for application for Innovation Competition**

Rwanda Polytechnic (RP) Musanze College invites all its students to apply for RP/Musanze College Innovation Competition. **The application process will be started from 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

This competition is aligned with the core mission of RP/Musanze College to foster innovation, develop technical skills, and promote entrepreneurship among students. It provides an opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and propose innovative solutions to address real-world challenges, particularly in the context of Rwanda and Africa.

The filled application form has to be submitted on [emmymagnus10@gmail.com](mailto:emmymagnus10@gmail.com) and copy to [arwigamba13@gmail.com](mailto:arwigamba13@gmail.com) not later than 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

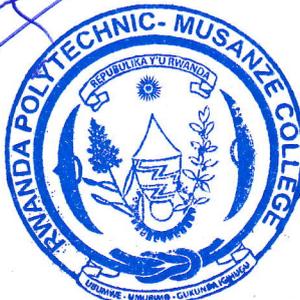
For more detail and clarification, please contact the Business Incubation Specialist through the phone number and email: **0786672709** and **Email: [emmymagnus10@gmail.com](mailto:emmymagnus10@gmail.com)**.

The concept note is attached herewith for further information about competition road map and prizes.

**Good Luck!**

**Dr. Esdras NSHIMYUMUREMYI**

**Deputy Principal in charge of Academic and Training**





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**RP/ MUSANZE COLLEGE INNOVATION COMPETITION CONCEPT NOTE**

**VENUE: MUSANZE COLLEGE**

**24 December 2024 to 21 February 202**



## RP/ MUSANZE COLLEGE INNOVATION COMPETITION CONCEPT NOTE

### **I. Background and context**

It is known that Rwanda Polytechnic Musanze College has a core mandate of providing technical Skills and knowledge to the Rwandans in line with the government's mission of reducing the skills gap, and level of unemployment, increasing job creation, and providing sustainable solutions to poverty. RP/Musanze College as a public higher learning institution aspires to become the premier center of excellence and the hub of extension for product-based technical skills within the region.

It provides Technical Education, and practical skills and produces graduates capable of developing and implementing creative technical solutions to market needs as well as competent workers in the Rwandan workforce, in the region, and in the international community.

### **II. Introduction**

The RP/ Musanze College Students Innovation Competition is an event that is aimed at promoting innovation among students in the institution. The competition process will be held from **24 December 2024 to 21 February 2025** and is open to all students in the RP/Musanze College. The competition aims to encourage a culture of innovation among students and allow them to showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills.

### **III. Aim**

The competition's main is to encourage and reward innovation among students at RP/ Musanze College. By providing a platform for students to showcase their innovations, we hope to stimulate creativity and innovation among students.

The Innovation Competition aims to create an environment where students can explore their creativity, connect their problem-solving skills, and contribute to addressing real-world and special Africa and Rwanda challenges through innovative projects. The competition seeks to inspire students to develop innovative ideas that can have a positive impact on society.

The competition aims to identify and recognize outstanding innovations that can be developed further and implemented through the Business Incubation Center.

### **IV. The main objectives of Innovation competitions at RP/Musanze College are the following:**

- 1. Encourage innovation and creativity:** The competition aims to inspire participants to develop novel and original ideas that push the boundaries of what is currently possible in a given field.
- 2. Address specific challenges:** The competition seeks to identify and reward solutions that address pressing issues facing a community, industry, or society as a whole.



3. **Promote collaboration and teamwork:** The competition is designed to foster collaboration among individuals or groups from different backgrounds, disciplines, or regions.
4. **Commercialize new technologies:** The competition aims to encourage the development of new products or services that have the potential to be commercialized and bring economic benefits to the participants and society.
5. **Develop skills and knowledge:** The competition provides a platform for participants to learn new skills, gain practical experience, and expand their knowledge in a particular area.
6. **To promote entrepreneurship and the development of viable business ideas.**
7. **To strengthen the link between academia and industry through project implementation.**

#### V. Expected Results:

The RP/ Musanze College Student Innovation Competition is expected to achieve the following results:

1. **Promote Innovation:** The competition is expected to promote innovation among students and foster a culture of creativity and problem-solving.
2. **Identify Outstanding Innovations:** The competition is expected to identify outstanding innovations that can be developed further and implemented in the real community.
3. **Reward Creativity:** The competition is expected to recognize and reward the most creative and innovative students, motivating them to continue innovating.
4. Increased awareness and understanding of the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship among the student community.
5. Identify promising projects for further development, incubation, and potential commercialization.

#### VI Competition roadmap:

S/N	ACTIVITIES	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE	VENUE
01	Campaign awareness	15-23/12/2024	Career Development and Guidance staff.	RP-Musanze College
02	Application to all Student	27/12/ 2024 to 20/01/2025	All students	RP-Musanze College
03	Shortlisting	23-31/01/2025	Career Development and Guidance staff	RP-Musanze College
04	Students' preparations	01-13/02/ 2025	Shortlisted students.	RP-Musanze College
05	Pitching	14/02/2025	Lecturers and selected partners	RP-Musanze College
06	Awarding	21/02/2025	RP-Musanze college	RP-Musanze College



## VII Competition awards:

The competition prizes are as follows:

S/N	Winner	Total award (Rwfs)	self-Administration	Project implementation
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Winner	500,000	20%	80%
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Winner	300,000	20%	80%
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Winner	200,000	20%	80%

**Note: Total award= self-administration +project implementation**

