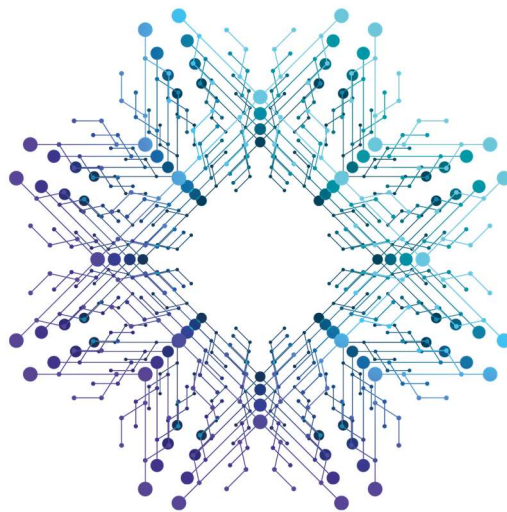


# TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant



## Applicant Eligibility Form

The applicants are responsible for verifying their eligibility in compliance with the TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant [Eligibility Requirements](#).

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (max. 40 characters)

1) Is/Are the applicant(s) the idea owner(s)? If no, please clarify. **Y / N** ; \_\_\_\_\_

2) An entity has not and will not be formed before receiving the prize money and grant: **Y / N**

3) Has the business idea already been presented otherwise?

If yes, please clarify. **Y / N** ; \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have read the [Submission Guidelines](#) and [Eligibility Requirements](#) and attest that I/we qualify for the TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant. We understand that any violation of these rules can result in the disqualification of the applicant(s) and the obligation for the repayment of the prize money and/or grant.

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Applicant's Signature      Applicant's Signature      Applicant's Signature

Contact person:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Team Member Name      E-Mail      Phone number

Please email this form to [deep-tech@tum.de](mailto:deep-tech@tum.de)

## Submission Guidelines

An electronic copy of your business idea (video and PDF) is required to accept the application. Applicants not meeting this requirement will be excluded.

Business ideas should be submitted as a single mp4 pitch video file and a single, printable PDF file. Other attachments will not be considered. Please send your pitch video and PDF file to [deep-tech@tum.de](mailto:deep-tech@tum.de), writing “**submission TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant**” in the subject line.

Pitch Video files are limited to **three minutes**. They must include the applicant’s/applicants’ face(s). A single slide may be used as a clear background but must not contain any data, including bullet points, referred to during the pitch. A reference to the PDF file may be made during the pitch.

The Pitch Video has to contain:

- Concept/business idea
- Justification of market potential

PDF files are limited to no more than **two pages and one cover page**. Appendices of no more than one page are only allowed for schemes or pictures of prototypes if necessary for clarification. The text portion must contain all pertinent information in a clear and concise manner.

The 2-Pager should address:

- (1) Status & Background
  - How did you derive your business idea?
  - What is your business idea’s current level of implementation?
- (2) Market place & Competition
  - What customer value results from your business idea?
  - What is your market entry strategy?
- (3) Implementation
  - What is your approach to protecting your intellectual property
  - What Munich partners are important for further developing your business idea and/or underlying technology?
  - How will the prize money/grant (consulting, networking, travel fees, landing pad) support your endeavor?
- (4) Sustainability
  - What is your idea’s sustainable impact on society?
  - How do you intend to ensure sustainability in future development?

## Application and Process

- ❖ **Applications are possible throughout the entire year**
- ❖ **Applicants can be asked to adapt their pitch video and/or 2-Pager before being considered for further evaluation**
- ❖ **Your pitch video and 2-Pager will be evaluated by experts from the field at TUM within a maximum of three months**
- ❖ **You will be informed directly of the success of your application**

## Confidentiality and Data Protection

- ❖ The ideas and documents submitted by the contestants will be treated confidentially and used exclusively for the purposes of the application and consulting process.
- ❖ The participants agree that their submitted documents and data will be forwarded to a TUM jury. The organizers agree not to redistribute the submitted short descriptions and idea drafts to third parties without the consent of the participant. This applies both to the duration of the application and the period thereafter.
- ❖ Applicants consent to the publication (TUM publications, press releases) of the submitted ideas accepted for the TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant.
- ❖ All documents and data, if the permission is not explicitly refused, will, after the successful application, be included in the database of the TUM start-up network for the purpose of possible subsequent contact. In the event of refusal of permission, the data will be deleted after the contest.

## Liability

- ❖ The organizer shall be liable to the applicants for damages only if they have been caused intentionally or through gross negligence. Liability for lost profit is excluded. The limitations do not apply for damages resulting from injury to life, limb, or health
- ❖ Applicants exempt the organizer from all possible claims by third parties that could be derived from any violations of copyrights, industrial property rights, trade secrets, or other rights due to the documents submitted.
- ❖ The organizers assume no liability for the correctness of the statements made by judges and other persons participating in the evaluation and consulting process.

## Miscellaneous

- ❖ The decision on the success of the application is final.
- ❖ Should individual provisions of these terms and conditions of participation be or become wholly or partly invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

## Questions

If you need further information on the TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant, please contact [deep-tech@tum.de](mailto:deep-tech@tum.de).

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## *Eligibility Requirements*

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- ❖ The business idea must be new or a significantly innovative alteration in a deep tech field (preferably in artificial intelligence, robotics, additive manufacturing, smart transportation, or sustainable mobility). Other deep tech fields are possible.
- ❖ Applicants must not be TUM affiliated.
- ❖ At least 50 percent of the team must not possess German citizenship. Individual applicants must have non-German citizenship.
- ❖ Applicants with business ideas already supported by or employed by a university, incubator, or accelerator in Germany are not permissible.
- ❖ The idea should not have generated revenues in the form of a business before receiving the prize money and the grant.
- ❖ Incorporated ideas, proposals for the buy-out or expansion of an existing company, tax-shelter opportunities, real estate syndications, subsidiaries, and consulting projects are not eligible.
- ❖ Founding may only take place once the prize money is awarded. The regular payouts of grants will end with the incorporation, and the difference is not paid out.
- ❖ Each applicant is responsible for immediately informing the organizer if the idea is incorporated during or after the application. Non-compliance will immediately discontinue payments and result in the obligation to repay the prize money and/or grant from the incorporation date onward.
- ❖ Excluded are ideas/technologies already financed by funding programs such as EXIST or similar.
- ❖ Applicants who have already founded companies in Germany are only eligible as additional team members.
- ❖ Teams can either apply for the TUM IDEAward or the TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant.
- ❖ Reapplication is possible for prior participants that have not received a grant or prize money.
- ❖ Applicants have to sign the [applicant eligibility form](#).
- ❖ The disbursement of prize money and grants requires personnel presence in Munich to verify the winner's willingness to start a venture in Munich. Prize money and grants may include vouchers to be used in Munich to set up your business. Prize money and grant disbursement should be received in a German bank account. Foreign bank accounts might be rejected without personal appearance, resulting in a deduction of prize money and grants due to banking fees.

- ❖ The prize money is to be used to develop the idea further. There are no concrete guidelines for its use. It is usually paid out in two stages. The first half of the prize money is paid out directly after the successful application and the second half after an interim presentation.
- ❖ By accepting the prize money, the teams commit to holding an interim presentation for representatives of the organizer approximately three months after the successful application and a final presentation to present the project's progress after 12 months.
- ❖ Applicants have to support the preparation of a press release by the Technical University of Munich
- ❖ Winners can be asked to prepare an updated video for TUM entrepreneurship events
- ❖ In the absence of prize-worthy entries, the TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant can be waived.
- ❖ The organizers reserve the right to cancel the TUM Deep Tech Venture Grant without prior notice or obligation. Participants retain no claims to any specific prizes or grants.

**Important note: Formally founded ventures, ideas with previous public funding, and applicants with only German citizens on the team are not eligible to participate.**

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