

The Royal Sustainability Awards: Food Waste

Terms & Conditions:

1. Eligibility

- The Royal Sustainability Awards (the “Award”) is open to individuals, groups, companies, non-profits, not-for-profits, colleges, and universities.
- Entrants must be legal residents of Canada and aged 18 or older at the time of entry. Those under 18 must have permission from a parent or guardian to participate.

2. Submission Requirements

- All entries must include a short video presentation (maximum 4 minutes) or a PowerPoint, Google Slides or similar presentation detailing the innovative business model or technology focused **solution** to reducing food waste.
- Submissions must showcase a measurable impact on the management of food waste in Canada, either through the reduction, rescue, or diversion of surplus food.
- The design and/or incubation of innovative technologies must enable sustainable consumption practices, extend the lifespan of food, and/or aid in the transformation of organic waste.
- Entries must be submitted electronically through the designated online platform by the closing date of **October 7th, 2024**.

3. Prizes

- The Grand Prize winner will receive \$2,000 CAD towards their proposed idea.
- The Second and Third Place winners will each receive \$500 CAD towards their proposed idea.
- All prize amounts are awarded in Canadian dollars and are subject to applicable federal, provincial, and local taxes, which are the sole responsibility of the winners.

4. Winner Notification

- Finalists will be notified by email and or phone by October 15th, 2024.
- Winners will be crowned onsite at The Royal and a ceremonial cheque presentation will be made. The prize cheques will be mailed to the winner and finalists within three weeks of the conclusion of the Fair.
- If a winner cannot be contacted, fails to respond within 7 days of the initial contact, or fails to comply with these Terms & Conditions, the winner may be disqualified, and the sponsor reserves the right to select an alternate winner from the remaining eligible entries.

5. General Conditions

- By entering, participants agree to abide by these Terms & Conditions and the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding.
- Participants grant The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair the right to use their name, company or institution name, idea name, likeness, and submission materials for promotional purposes without further compensation.
- Entrants may also be photographed, filmed, or interviewed for promotional materials related to the Award and the Fair. Participation in these promotional activities is voluntary, and entrants may decline to be photographed, filmed, or interviewed by notifying the event organizers at the time of their selection as a finalist or at any point during the event.

6. Limitation of Liability

- The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is not responsible for any technical issues, miscommunications, or other failures beyond its control that may affect the entry process or the outcome of the Award.
- By participating in the Royal Sustainability Awards, participants agree to release and hold harmless the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and their subsidiaries, affiliates, and agencies from any claims or damages arising out of participation in the Award or the acceptance, use, or misuse of any prize.

7. Privacy

- Any personal information collected during the course of the Award will be used solely for the purposes of administering the Award and in accordance with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair's Privacy Policy.

8. Governing Law

- The Award and these Terms & Conditions are governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

Grading Rubric

Each criteria scored 1-10

Innovation | 40% | Assess the originality and creativity of the business model or technology. Does the idea introduce new concepts or solutions to food waste management?

Impact | 30% | Evaluate the demonstrated or potential measurable impact on reducing, rescuing, or diverting food waste in Canada. Is the impact quantifiable and significant?

Feasibility | 20% | Consider the practicality and potential for implementation in the Canadian market. Is the business model or technology realistic, scalable, and sustainable?

| Presentation | 10% | Review the clarity and effectiveness of the video and PowerPoint presentations. Are the materials well-organized, engaging, and persuasive?

Scoring Guide

1-3: Below Expectations: The submission has significant gaps, lacks originality, or presents minimal impact/feasibility.

4-6: Meets Expectations: The submission is solid but may have some weaknesses or areas for improvement.

7-8: Exceeds Expectations: The submission is strong, with clear innovation, impact, feasibility, and effective presentation.

9-10: Outstanding: The submission is exceptional, showcasing highly innovative ideas with strong potential impact and feasibility, supported by excellent presentation materials.

Final Score (Total Possible Score: 100)

- Innovation (1-10) x 4 = Total Innovation Score (out of 40)
- Impact (1-10) x 3 = Total Impact Score (out of 30)
- Feasibility (1-10) x 2 = Total Feasibility Score (out of 20)
- Presentation (1-10) x 1 = Total Presentation Score (out of 10)

