SustainCup HSRW – Sustainability competition

Conditions of participation

Preamble

The 'SustainCup HSRW' is a sustainability competition for all employees of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (HSRW). True to the motto 'How can I make my everyday working life at HSRW more sustainable?', creative and realisable ideas are sought. The competition aims to promote sustainable practices in everyday working life and initiate positive changes in behaviour. The competition honours projects that lay the foundations for sustainable development at the HSRW with heart, vision and enthusiasm. The aim is to raise awareness of sustainability and actively involve employees in change processes.

1. General information

The sustainability competition 'SustainCup HSRW 2024' is led by the TransRegINT project in cooperation with other HSRW departments (organisation team) and is based on a decision by the HSRW Executive Board. The central contact person is Ms Christina Martens, coordinator of the Interaction Hub in the TransRegINT project.
All HSRW employees are eligible to participate. Competition entries can be submitted by individuals or teams.

2. Application requirements

- The idea serves to make everyday working life at the HSRW more sustainable.
- Prompt implementation at the HSRW is realistic.
- The idea can be applied to various organisational units, at best to the entire HSRW
- HSRW as a whole or has a lasting impact on the entire HSRW.
- The idea deals with one or more of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals

3. submission of the application documents

We are looking for projects and initiatives that have a future-oriented impact on sustainability at the HSRW and make an everyday contribution to the realisation of the global development goals. Both individuals and teams can submit entries. Interdisciplinary and cross-organisational teams are expressly encouraged.

Participation in the competition is via the application form at https://transform-hsrw.org/whats-on/hands-on-project/sustaincup-hsrw/?lang=en

The application form must be submitted within the application phase from 30.09.2024 to 20.10.2024. Applications submitted late will not be considered.

A fully and correctly completed application form is a prerequisite for participation in the competition. This form must contain a sufficient description of the project to give the judges an idea of the submitted entry. The information must be truthful and up-to-date. Any changes must be communicated immediately. Applicants guarantee the accuracy of their information.

The closing date for applications is 20.10.2024. The organisers reserve the right to extend the application deadline. Legal recourse is excluded.

4 Procedure of the competition and selection of the best ideas

The competition is organised in three phases.

Phase 1 (30.09.-20.10.): In the application phase from 30/09/2024 to 20/10/2024, all ideas can be submitted via the online application form.

Phase 2 (21.10.-11.11.): This is followed by an initial review and pre-selection of ten ideas by the organising team, which also forms the jury (Dr Gerhard Heusipp, Dr Alina Leson, Pia Schilberg, Dr Vanessa Meinen, Nikola Chardonnens, Christina Martens, Katja Kunkel, Adem Celik) by 11.11.2024.

Phase 3 (12 - 19 November): The three best ideas will be chosen from the ten pre-selected ideas. All university employees are entitled to cast their vote digitally from 12 November to 19 November 2024. Each person has one vote, which can be cast for their favourite idea. Multiple votes are not permitted. The majority of votes will decide the first, second and third-placed projects.

The winning projects will be announced on 20 November 2024.
The submitters of the winning projects will receive a cash prize to use for their department(s). The award may be waived if the jury does not consider any of the submitted applications to be worthy of an award or if an insufficient number of applications are received. The jury's decision and the votes cast by university staff cannot be contested. All submitters will be notified of the result.

Phase 4: If possible, the award-winning projects should be implemented within the HSRW as soon as possible. Further examination (in terms of content and funding) and the possible implementation of the winning ideas will be passed on to the 'Sustainability Transformation' working group of the University Development Plan (HEP). Applicants agree that their ideas may be modified and further developed.

5. prize money

All participants will receive a non-cash prize as recognition. The three selected winning projects are endowed as follows:

1st place: €1,000
2nd place: €500
3rd place: €250

The prize money totalling €1,750 will be provided from the President's budget. The prize money will be made available to the participating organisational unit(s) to upgrade the working environment.

Cash payment of the prize is excluded. Applicants agree to the conditions of participation by submitting their application documents. Legal recourse is excluded.

7. exclusion criteria

Members of the organisation team or the jury as well as members of the presidium are excluded from participation in the competition.

8 Publication and data protection

Applicants agree to the publication of the submitted project title, project description, project photos and publication in other media.
The submitted data is not considered confidential data.
There is no legal entitlement to publication of the data. The organisers reserve the right to edit the texts submitted by applicants.

The organising team is entitled to withdraw the publication if applicants violate the conditions of participation of the 'SustainCup HSRW' competition or if it is unreasonable to maintain the publication of the data, in particular if the reputation of the HSRW or the prize is directly or indirectly endangered by the applicant's behaviour.

The personal data provided by applicants in the application form will be collected, stored and used for the purpose of organising and running the competition. It will not be passed on to third parties.