



WELCOME

London Business School HealthTech Challenge

Information Session

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LBS HealthTech Challenge overview



Institute of
Entrepreneurship
and Private Capital

*The London Business School HealthTech Challenge is an annual competition hosted by the **LBS Healthcare Club***

It aims to foster entrepreneurship and stimulate development of innovative healthcare product ideas through:



Collaboration: Empowers teams to transform innovative health-tech concepts into actionable ventures over a 3-month journey, attracting **150+ health-tech entrepreneurs every year since 2015**



Support system: Offers mentorship, training, and networking opportunities, leveraging the extensive **resources and partnerships of London Business School**



Winning prizes: Provides opportunities for teams to win a **cash prize** and additional awards/recognitions (to be confirmed)

The Grand Finale: Pitch at the 2026 LBS Healthcare Conference

The Longevity Frontier - The Science,
Technology, & Business of Living
Longer

The HealthTech Challenge culminates in a final, in-person pitch to our expert judging panel at the annual LBS Healthcare Conference, an event attended by over 300 professionals from across the industry.

Conference Details



Date: March 30th & 31st, 2026



Time: 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Location: LBS Sussex Campus, London

Key Conference Topics

- Cell & Gene Therapy
- AI in Preventative Health
- Wearables & Diagnostics
- Investment in Longevity
- FemTech
- and more.

Engage with Leaders at the Forefront of Health & Venture

Participants and finalists gain direct exposure to a curated network of industry **pioneers**, **venture capitalists**, and **serial entrepreneurs**.

Confirmed 2026 Conference Experts Include:



Kate Woolhouse

CEO of Hooke London



Dr. Per Heden

Professor of Plastic Surgery, Karolinska University



Srinivasan

Founder of Tatva Health



Kerstin Papenfuss

Director at Deep Science Ventures



Phil Vanek

Former Investor, KKR

The Judging Panel

Your pitch will be evaluated by an expert panel of judges from the **HealthTech**, **venture capital**, and **entrepreneurship domains**, providing invaluable feedback and visibility.

This year's theme

Longevity And Preventative Health

The Vision: Our purpose is to inform and inspire attendees on the evolution and future of healthcare across a variety of functions. We seek innovations that shift healthcare from reactive treatment to proactive, personalised care.

Opportunity: Develop ventures that address defined problems within this high-growth, cutting-edge domain



Potential Innovation Areas

The challenge encourages ideas leveraging key scientific and technological advancements that enable longer, healthier lives. Innovative proposals could address the following focus areas:

Area of Focus	Potential Innovation Ideas
Wearables & Diagnostics	Developing continuous monitoring systems and advanced early detection tools for chronic disease prevention.
AI in Preventative Health & Longevity	Creating predictive algorithms for personalized health risk assessment or automating preventative care protocols.
Cell & Gene Therapy	Developing foundational treatments that target the biological roots of aging or age-related diseases.
FemTech	Introducing technology-driven solutions for preventative care addressing health challenges unique to women across their lifespan.
Direct-to-Consumer Longevity	Creating accessible digital or product solutions that allow consumers to directly manage and track their healthspan outside traditional clinical settings.
Public Health in the Age of a Longer Lifespan	Developing systemic solutions or infrastructure improvements to manage the societal and economic impact of an aging population.

Are You Eligible to Compete?

Participant eligibility

- We recommend forming teams that combine **technical/product development** expertise and **business/commercial development** expertise
- Teams must be comprised of **1-5 members**
- Open to all innovators, including non-LBS students. Each team must include **at least one current student** (undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral) at a recognised Higher Education Institution anywhere in the world

Content eligibility

- At least one team member must be the **originator of the technology that underlies the novelty of the product or service** being proposed, giving assurance that the team possesses the know-how to evolve the technology to align with market needs.
- If no members are the outright owner of the technology, there must be a **realistic prospect of obtaining sufficient IP rights to the technology** in order to make and sell, or license products based on the technology.

New Opportunity: LBS Founder's Pathway Award

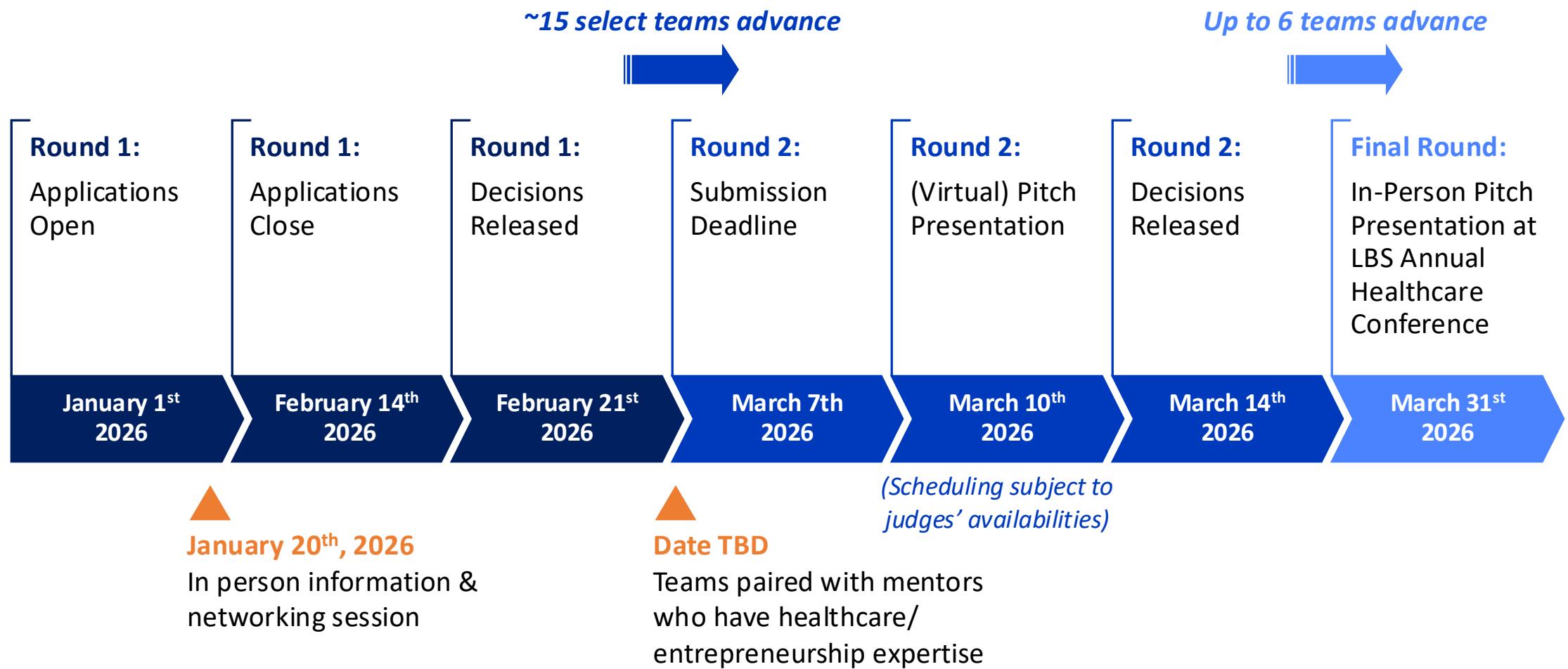
This prize is granted in addition to the main cash prize.

Purpose: To celebrate and accelerate ventures deeply rooted within the London Business School entrepreneurial ecosystem, leveraging the support of the **Institute of Entrepreneurship and Private Capital (IEPC)**

Eligibility: Teams are eligible for this prize if they include current LBS students

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Summary of key dates



Submission requirements

Round 1

300 word business idea:

- (200 words or less) Please tell us about the problem you are trying to solve and your ideas to address that issue
- (100 words or less) Tell us why are you well placed to solve this problem

Optional (but recommended) 2min video to explain idea:

- e.g., High-level business plan with next steps
- Prototype not required

Round 2

Business proposal (max. 6-slide presentation slides):

- The problem or need for innovation
- The proposed idea to solve this problem
- The technical feasibility and execution plan for the idea
- Current IP ownership or plans for licensing
- The relevant expertise or skills of the team
- How the team would use the prize money

Final Round

Two in-person presentations at the LBS Healthcare Conference:

- In-depth presentation with Q&A to a judging panel in a private event
- Shorter presentation to an open audience consisting of healthcare and business development experts and enthusiasts

More details on presentation requirements to be shared with finalist teams nearer the event date

How We Evaluate Innovation: The Four Pillars of a Winning Pitch



Scientific / Technical Feasibility

Is the technology novel, effective, and scalable?



Potential Impact

Does it solve a significant unmet need and impact patient health or the healthcare industry?



Feasibility of Execution Plan

Is the business model sustainable and the implementation plan realistic?



Skills & Expertise of Team

Does the team have the right mix of skills and motivation to succeed?

You can expect expert judges from HealthTech, venture capital, and entrepreneurship

2025 Judges



June Angelides, MBE

Venture Partner,
Samos Investments



Gail Armstrong

Founding Partner,
Lavender Ventures



Omar Daniel

Healthtech investor;
Co-Founder, Practice Unbound



Jenny Thomas

HealthTech Advisor,
Digital Care Limited

A Legacy of Success: Past Winners Who Are Changing Healthcare



Healthtech-1 (2022 Winner)

Innovation: Automating repetitive admin and clinical tasks in Primary Care to free up staff to focus on patient care.

Impact: Now automating **1 in 7** registrations in England, saving NHS staff over **120 years** of time. Secured a **\$3.5M** seed round led by **Moonfire Ventures**.



MyoCaid (2024 Winner)

Innovation: A novel, intracorporeal left-ventricular assist device to address end-stage heart failure, minimizing risks of stroke and infection.



Sekhmet (2025 Winner)

Innovation: An advanced aptamer-based 'super-plaster' designed to accelerate and improve wound healing.

Previous participants



Application to optimize operating department efficiencies



Automating clinical tasks in primary care



Wearable for detecting and responding to harmful situations



Pain relief and anti-inflammatory device



AI-predictor for organ failure in ICUs



Interface for disabled people to interact with MR and IOT



menopause coach in your pocket, improving quality of life with personalized care



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COPILOT FOR HOSPITAL FACILITIES

AI-powered knowledge retrieval and insights



dermie
AI-enabled dermatology triage and self-management software



Solution to accessibility of care for self harm



Diabetes Prevention Program



delivers 'super-plasters' for wound healing



integrates AI with therapist-led care for continuous, personalized mental health support for India



ICB-focused platform optimising hospital discharge by connecting patients to available care homes in real time



supports women with virtual preventative care and lifestyle coaching, improving healthcare access and outcomes

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our WhatsApp community:***



Still looking for a team?



Chat with your fellow attendees
tonight! We have a lot of great
talent in the audience



Attend our in-person networking
session on January 20th, 2026

Questions?

You can also contact us at: htc@london.edu

Or visit our website: <https://www.londonhealthtechchallenge.org/>

Thank you!