

# WORLD TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITIES NETWORK

## Brian Cantor Scholarship Prize – Initial Framework Proposal FINAL

The WTUN Leadership team have decided to honour the Founding Chair of WTUN, Professor Brian Cantor, by launching an annual scholarship prize in his name. The initial framework for the prize is set out below.

Prize: £2000 GBP cash amount to a single recipient. A new winner will be picked every year.

The WTUN Brian Cantor Scholarship Prize of £2000 each, is intended to recognise cutting-edge, challenge-led research with direct benefits to people and society.

It is awarded to students conducting research that demonstrates alignment with the WTUN's vision of providing education for the next generation of global citizens who will have to respond to the world's 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges and to assist students to pursue their research or career.

The prize is open to students in any discipline at any of the WTUN's member institutions, currently studying for their PhD at the deadline for application.

Selection of applicants will be at the discretion of the WTUN Brian Cantor Scholarship Prize assessment panel.

Maximum of 2 x applications per members institution.

### Eligibility:

- Current PhD Students at one of the WTUN member institutions.
- To be undertaking a PhD that aligns with at least one of the two statements in the WTUN vision:

*Undertaking cutting-edge, challenge-led research with direct benefits to people and society*

OR

*Providing education for the next generation of global citizens who will have to respond to the world's 21st century challenges*

AND

- The PhD must also include an element of global collaboration.

### Application Process:

Applicants are required to submit their application via an online form ([here](#)).

- 1) A summary/abstract about their PhD topic (500 words)
- 2) A statement of projected outcomes and future application(s) of their work (500 words)
- 3) A plain English report outlining their project detailing how their PhD thesis meets the criterion statements above (500 words)
- 4) A supporting statement from their PhD supervisor attesting to scientific quality and signed off by the relevant OB member

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All applications will be from existing WTUN member institutions and will be accompanied by a supporting letter from both their PhD supervisor and WTUN Operational Board member. Applicants will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate the following:

How their PhD meets the criterion statements.

Demonstrate an element of global collaboration.

It's impact in the real world and how it aligns with the WTUN vision

Additional points will be awarded if they can include:

- 1) A letter of recommendation from an industry expert from outside of their educational institution supporting the project, its scientific quality and real-world application.

## **Assessment:**

The proposals will be reviewed by at least two members of the Operational Board against a scoring framework. The highest scoring application will receive the prize which will be awarded at WTUC.

Additional requirements: Although the cash prize has no spend stipulations, the winner of the prize will be asked to

- 1) present (remotely or in person) at WTUC regarding their project
- 2) acknowledge WTUN in their work and/or publications (available for use on our website and promotional material)

All applicants will be asked to confirm that they acknowledge and agree to the following-

## **Declaration and Terms and Conditions:**

1. Your application must be true and accurate.
2. Successful award of the WTUN Brian Cantor Scholarship Prize does not grant the applicant the right to use "WTUN", "World Technology Universities Network", "Brian Cantor Scholarship Prize", name or logo without permission, other than to acknowledge support or list possible conflicts of interest.
3. World Technology Universities Network accepts no liability for any consequences, whether direct or indirect, that may arise from your research, the use of the prize, or from suspension or termination of the prize.
4. If you violate any of these terms & conditions, act dishonestly, provide information which is misleading (whether deliberately or accidentally) or act in a way which may damage our brand, reputation or goodwill, WTUN may terminate the prize and require you to repay it.
5. Applicants have no right to expect the award of a prize. The decision of WTUN in all respects is final.