

Wanted: The most innovative student in The Netherlands!

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Innovation platform INNOVATE teams up with science magazine Quest in search for the most innovative student of The Netherlands. Students or student teams with innovations that make the world more sustainable, healthier or a better place in general are invited to enter the competition via www.innovate.community. Entries can be innovations that are working products or services already, but great ideas are welcome too. The winning student in 2021 was Jardo Stammeshaus (Amsterdam, Vrije Universiteit), he presented his initiative Liion Power, a clever system that extends battery life for wearable electronics. The winning student in 2022 was Auke Bleij (TU Delft), he presented his innovation Respyre which helps cities integrate nature into their surroundings in a simple, cost-effective and elegant manner. In 2023, Lisanne Peters (ArtEZ Arnhem), won with her innovation, Symbiomatter. Through this initiative, she spearheads the development, dissemination of knowledge, and facilitates firsthand experiences with cutting-edge biodegradable foam.

The process: apply, selection, bootcamp, finale

Students can apply as an individual or as a team until June 30st 2024 end of day. After careful selection by our expert jury and also a round of public voting, the top 8 innovations will move forward. They will undergo a five-day bootcamp programme from 11-15 September in which different business experts will help them upgrade and refine their initiatives. After the bootcamp phase, the finalists present their innovation live to a jury and audience during the grand finale on October 17th in Musis Sacrum Arnhem.

Silicon Valley

The student or team that wins the finale on the 17th of October may call themselves *The Most Innovative Student of The Netherlands* for a year. The winner goes on a fully taken care of trip to the most innovative place in the world: Silicon Valley. With the help of business coaches they will look for investors and partners to move their initiative forward.

Are you interested? You are eligible to join the competition if you:

- Want to make a positive impact in the world.
- Have an innovative initiative that makes the world a better place. This can be anything between a great idea or a working product or service.
- Are initiator and in lead of this initiative. Study at a Dutch institution (MBO, HBO, University) or have graduated in 2024.
- You can participate if you are from abroad, as long as you study in The Netherlands.
- Work actively on the initiative during and/or after your study.
- Really want to put time and effort into developing your initiative.

Applications can be made until June 30st 23:59 2024 via:

<https://www.innovate.community/innovatiefste-student-van-nederland>

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