

Call for Applications

Participation in the I. innOtdk Program

The National Association for Student Research (OTDT), in collaboration with the Hungarian Association for Innovation (MISZ), the John von Neumann Computer Society (NJSZT), and the Hungarian Innovation Agency Ltd. (NIÜ), is announcing the I. innOtdk program.

Objective of the I. innOtdk

The I. innOtdk aims to provide an opportunity for young researchers who have successfully participated in the Student Research Conference (TDK) and submitted their TDK paper to the 37th National Student Research Conference (OTDK) to showcase their research with innovation potential.

We are looking for ideas that offer real solutions to existing problems from a technological, economic, or social perspective.

The ideas do not necessarily need to generate direct revenue or economic profit. Nonprofit ideas also create significant value, albeit in different ways. Social innovation, for example, develops and applies solutions to complex social and environmental problems to support societal progress.

Eligibility

Applicants must be participants in the 37th National Student Research Conference with a submitted TDK paper. For co-authored research, the application must indicate whether all authors wish to participate in the innOtdk competition. If not, co-authors must provide a consent statement.

Application Content

Applications can be submitted from any scientific field and must include:

1. A two-page summary highlighting the innovative aspects of the TDK research, covering:
 - A brief description of the research
 - The associated innovation idea
 - Definition of the innovation problem and target audience
 - The current status of the innovation and necessary resources for implementation
2. A short video (max. 2 minutes) introducing the applicant(s) and the project.
3. An intellectual property statement confirming the applicant's unrestricted rights to use the intellectual products of the project.

4. A recommendation letter from at least one supervisor of the submitted OTDK research.
5. A consent statement allowing reviewers access to the OTDK paper.

Submission and Deadline

Applications must be submitted via the designated online platform (<https://otdk.hu/en/innotdk-competition-for-otdk-participants/>) by **May 31, 2025**. Applicants will have a single opportunity to correct missing elements within five working days via email.

Evaluation Process

First Round: Selection

Evaluation will be based on the OTDK paper and the additional innOtdk application. Reviewers (delegated by MISZ, NJSZT, and NIÜ) will assess each submission based on:

1. Originality of the problem statement
2. Relevance of the problem and its target audience
3. Maturity of the innovation idea
4. Feasibility of implementation (with possible modifications)

Based on the evaluations, a jury of at least four members will select up to 30 applications to advance to the **I. innOtdk finals in Fall 2025**.

Mentorship

Selected applicants will receive mentoring from experts provided by MISZ/NIÜ/NJSZT, in collaboration with at least one of their research supervisors, to further develop their innovation. Finalists will be notified by **June 30, 2025**.

Second Round: The Finals

Finalists will present their projects in the following formats:

1. **A poster** visually displaying the project details
2. **An exhibition** presenting project details
3. **A presentation (max. 5 minutes)** showcasing the original idea and improvements made with the mentor's guidance

Final Evaluation Criteria

1. Validation of the proposed solution by the target audience
2. Comparison with existing solutions
3. Feasibility of implementation (both financial and human resources)
4. Availability of a prototype (physical or digital)

I. innOtdk Finals and Support

The one-day event will take place in **Budapest in Fall 2025**. Participants will receive support including:

- Poster printing assistance
- Up to **50,000 HUF** for exhibition material costs
- Accommodation and meals for the applicant(s), one accompanying person, one supervisor, and one mentor

Awards and Prizes

Audience Award

- **50,000 HUF cash prize** and a certificate (selected through online voting)

innOtdk Prizes

- **innOtdk Award**: Trophy, certificate, **50,000 HUF** cash, and **200,000 HUF** for further development (subject to mentor-approved usage plan)
- **innOtdk Grand Prize**: Trophy, certificate, **100,000 HUF** cash, and **400,000 HUF** for further development (subject to mentor-approved usage plan)

Awards will be presented at a **gala dinner on the day of the finals**.

Announced: March 24, 2025, Budapest.

Annex 1: I. innOtdk Schedule

Task	Deadline
Announcement	31 March 2025
Submission of applications	31 May 2025
Evaluation, notification of applicants	30 June 2025
Organization of the I. innOtdk Final	Fall 2025

Annex 2: Scope of Data and Declarations Provided During the Application

Name(s) of the applicant(s):

Email address(es) of the applicant(s):

Phone number(s) of the applicant(s):

Title of the submitted paper for the 37th OTDK:

Section of the 37th OTDK where the paper was submitted:

Single-author/multi-author paper:

In the case of a multi-author paper, will all authors participate in the I. innOtdk project? YES/NO

If not all authors participate, their consent must be attached (a template is provided as part of the application documentation, which must be completed, signed, and uploaded):

Name(s) of the paper's supervisor(s):

Email address(es) of the supervisor(s):

Supervisor's statement of support (a free-form statement signed by the supervisor, to be uploaded):

Consent for the reviewers and mentors to review the submitted paper for the 37th OTDK:

Intellectual property declaration (a free-form, signed declaration to be uploaded):
I acknowledge and accept the data management policy of the OTDT.

Co-Author's Consent

I, the undersigned (multiple names may be provided), do not participate in the I. innOtdk application but, as a co-author of the paper titled submitted to the 37th National Scientific Students' Conference (OTDK), I consent to my co-author(s) submitting an application for the I. innOtdk program based on our research presented in the paper. I also consent to the reviewers evaluating our submitted work within this framework.

If my co-author(s) qualify for the I. innOtdk final, I consent to the mentors reviewing the submitted paper and to the co-author(s) presenting the innovative, developed version of the research at the final event. Intellectual property rights will be agreed upon with my co-author(s), and we will reach an agreement regarding them. We will not submit any complaints or claims against the organizers of the I. innOtdk program concerning these rights.

Date:

Signature:

Name:

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