

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is *10,000 Women*?

The *10,000 Women* initiative was launched in 2008 by the Goldman Sachs Foundation, providing 10,000 women from across 43 countries with business and management education, mentoring and networking.

10,000 Women has supported women from countries as diverse as Brazil, China, Egypt, India and Liberia through a network of 90 academic and nonprofit partners. More than 30 of the leading business schools have participated in the program. The initiative is founded on research conducted by Goldman Sachs *Womenomics* and *Women Hold Up Half the Sky* the World Bank and others which suggests that such an investment can have a significant impact on GDP growth.

Why have you created a student challenge based on the *10,000 Women* program?

The challenges faced by businesses that have participated in the program are not unlike the challenges we solve each day at Goldman Sachs. The Student Challenge is designed to give students interested in a career at Goldman Sachs an opportunity to demonstrate creative thinking and problem solving; key characteristics we look for in our people.

Can I enter as an individual?

No, submissions must be made on behalf of a team. Teams should consist of a minimum of 2 students and maximum of 4 students.

How should my one page document be structured?

Purposefully this has been left open for you to be creative you are not tied to only using words. Written submission should be no longer than one typed page of A4, using at least size 10 Times New Roman font and standard Microsoft Word formatting. Written responses must not contain any hyperlinks. The file should be saved under the team name, which also includes a list of all team names with email addresses

How should my one minute video be structured?

Ideally, the video will help introduce your one page document and elaborate any points you feel are particularly noteworthy. The only rule is that your video should not be longer than one minute, no larger than 10MB in file size in one of the following formats (MOV, MP4 and WMV) and saved under the team name.

Can I submit an entry for more than one challenge?

No. You are limited to submitting one entry for only one challenge.

How can I find out more about the *10,000 Women* program?

The Goldman Sachs website includes a lot of information about the *10,000 Women* program. Once you have learned about the people and businesses involved, you are encouraged to research further the industry, visit the websites of the entrepreneur and consider other publically available information.

Can I contact the businesses directly for further information?

No. You must not communicate directly with any of the business, the CEOs or employees. Any entrant who contacts the small business directly will be disqualified from the Student Challenge.

What are the assessment criteria?

Each entry will be reviewed and judged on the following:

- Creativity
- Innovation
- Analytical skills
- Strategic thinking
- Practical Implementation & Commercial Viability

What is the timeline of the Student Challenge?

Entries will be accepted from Friday, May 5, 2017 until 11:59pm (China Standard Time), Sunday, May 21, 2017. Late submissions will not be reviewed. Finalists will be notified by email by no later than Monday, June 5, 2017. All finalists will be invited to attend an awards ceremony at Goldman Sachs Beijing offices in Early June 2017. Finalists will be expected to present their ideas to a panel of judges with their selected challenge and overall winners announced on the day.

What prize will the winners receive?

Two challenge winners:

- Invitations to interview for the 2018 Goldman Sachs Asia Summer Internship Program

Finalists:

- A certificate of their achievement in reaching the finals of the competition

Can I submit an entry if I do not study at a university in China?

No. As part of the eligibility to enter the Student Challenge you are required to be enrolled at a university in mainland China.

Can I enter if I am not due to graduate in 2019?

No. As part of the eligibility to enter the student challenge you are required to graduate in 2019, as this is also a requirement for our 2018 Summer Internship Program.

Can I enter if I am a Masters student?

Yes, as long as you are studying a full time course at a University in China and are due to graduate in 2019.

Can I enter the Student Challenge if I am studying at a university in China, but currently on an exchange outside the country?

You may enter the Student Challenge if you will study at a university in China for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Do I have to study a certain degree to enter?

No. Students from any degree discipline can apply.

If I win the Challenge do I have to interview for the internship?

If you enter the Student Challenge, our expectation is that you are interested in undertaking the Summer Internship at Goldman Sachs. The challenge is designed to enable you to demonstrate skills which are important to success at Goldman Sachs, such as innovation and analytical skills. If you are successful in the Student Challenge we think it is likely you will be successful at Goldman Sachs.

What are the benefits to me of entering the Student Challenge?

- An opportunity to interview for an internship with Goldman Sachs
- A chance to present your ideas and meet some of our people at our Beijing office
- The opportunity to solve a real problem for a China business

Can I apply to the Student Challenge, as well as to the Summer Internship Program via the usual application route?

Yes. You can apply to the Student Challenge, or the Summer Internship Program, or you can apply to both if you wish. The success of one application will not impact the other.

Does my Student Challenge submission affect my application for a position with the firm?

No. If you apply for an internship or full time position with Goldman Sachs, your Student Challenge entry

will not have any impact on your application.

I have a question not included in this FAQ. How can I get it answered?

If you have any further questions related to your student challenge submission, please contact GSChinaCompetition@gs.com. Enquiries should be made via this email address only, and not via telephone or Twitter.