



An SVC_IDEATHON initiative showcasing critical thinking, innovation and creativity of undergraduate students

About the Event

Science isn't just about ideas, it's about the impact those ideas make. Coming up with ideas is easy, but what's tough is bringing them to life. MindSpar 2018 provides you with the platform to do just that!

MindSpar is an initiative of the Department of Biochemistry, Sri Venkateswara college encouraging young minds to come up with novel, creative yet sustainable solutions to key problems in the scientific world. It is anticipated that such an ideathon competition will inspire undergraduate students to pursue science for higher studies and apply their knowledge through innovation & entrepreneurship for societal benefit.

We invite you to think, innovate and most importantly, to let your ideas breathe! Cash prizes up to Rs. 10,000 shall be awarded to the winners!

Who can participate?

MindSpar is open to all undergraduate students. All you require is an innovative solution to any one of the problem areas illustrated in the above figure.

For details, [see Rules and Regulations](#). For details on key focus areas, click on **MindSpar themes**.

How to participate?

A team of 3-5 students from any college/university can participate by registering on <https://goo.gl/MZpPS3> or on the college website (www.svc.ac.in) by **31st December, 2017**. Teams may be inter-departmental and/or inter-college. This is a preliminary registration and confirms participation. Registration will be considered complete only after submission of an abstract as per guidelines.

A hard copy of the abstract should be submitted in the Department of Biochemistry with registration fees of Rs. 500 per team. In case of NEFT transactions, proof of payment is mandatory. A soft copy of the abstract should also be mailed to svc.ideathon@gmail.com.

For details on the competition, [see Rules and Regulations](#).

How to register?

Team registrations are being accepted online at <https://goo.gl/MZpPS3> or on the www.svc.ac.in website. Complete the registration form and submit to register your team. As stated above, online registration only confirms participation. Registration will be considered complete only after abstract submission.

Deadline for preliminary registration is **31st December, 2017**.

Deadline for abstract submission is **25 January, 2018**.

Registration Fees

Teams can register their entry by submitting an abstract and a registration fee of Rs. 500 (Rupees Five hundred only) per Team. Payment has to be made in favour of "Principal, Sri Venkateswara College" payable at Delhi through Demand draft or NEFT/RTGS.

Details for NEFT transactions:

Name of the Bank: Andhra Bank

Branch: South Campus

Account #: 136210011005005

IFSC code: ANDB0001362

Kindly mention "Lab2Life" in the remarks.

Last date for abstract submission is **25 January, 2018.**

General Rules and Regulations

1. This is a competition for undergraduate students.
2. This is a team event. You are required to register in a team of 3-5 members. Each team should have a lead member whose contact information must be provided at the time of registration. Inter-disciplinarity is encouraged.
3. Teams can be inter-college and/or inter-departmental. Multiple teams from one college/university are allowed.
4. Your innovation should focus towards providing novel solutions to any ONE of the key areas floated for the competition.
5. Your ideas should be original and innovative. Plagiarism of any sort shall not be tolerated.
6. The internet can be used as a source of material and information regarding the topic in question. However, direct usage of online material is forbidden.
7. Abstract once submitted cannot be changed.
8. If the abstract does not conform to the guidelines, it will not be screened.
9. A certificate of participation will be given to all those participants who submit abstracts and the registration fee.
10. In case of No-Show, registration fees will not be refunded.

The competition is divided into two phases:

Phase I - Preliminary Round (29 January, 2018): A panel of distinguished DU professors and external experts will screen all entries based on the submitted abstracts. Top 10 teams shall be selected to proceed for the Phase II of the competition.

The ten finalists will get their abstracts published in the annual departmental magazine “Expressions” themed “*Lab2Life*”.

Phase II- Final Presentation (15 February, 2018): Phase II of the competition will be held during the Annual Festival of the Department of Biochemistry “*Lab2Life*” to be held on 15-16 February, 2018. The selected teams shall showcase their ideas through a PowerPoint presentation to the Jury. The Jury comprises eminent & distinguished scientists, academicians and researchers from different science fields.

Rules for Preliminary Round:

- All teams must register through the online link (<https://goo.gl/MZpPS3>) before the deadline of **31 December, 2017**.
- Hard copy of abstracts must be submitted by **25 January, 2018** to Dr. Vandana Malhotra or Dr. Nandita Narayansamy in the Department of Biochemistry, Sri Venkateswara College in a sealed envelope alongwith demand draft or proof of online payment of registration fees. For any queries, contact 9650192849, President (Catalysis).
- Soft copy of the abstract should be mailed to svc.ideathon@gmail.com.
- Abstracts must conform to the guidelines.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

- The Abstract should be succinct, self-contained and readable.
- Font Type: Arial; Font size: 12; spacing between lines: 1.1; Page margins: 1 inch (all sides). File Format: XXX.docx.
- ABSTRACT TITLE SHOULD BE IN CAPS AND BOLD LETTERS. Do not use abbreviations in the title.
- Abstract text is limited to 350 words.
- Please do not include any tables, charts or other graphics in the abstract.
- Please structure your abstract (for Submission) using the following headings:
 - TITLE
 - INNOVATORS (with affiliation)
 - CONCEPT
 - INNOVATION
 - IMPACT
- All abbreviations must be defined the first time they appear in your text.
- No further corrections to the abstract will be entertained once submitted.

A sample abstract will be emailed to all registrants by 5 January, 2018.

Rules for the Final Presentation:

- A PPT/PDF presentation is mandatory.
- Selected teams shall prepare a POWERPOINT PRESENTATION that explains the problem briefly, and their innovation to tackle the problem. The presentation should also outline the impact and feasibility of translation into the public domain.
- Each team shall be allotted 5-7 minutes for presentation. ONLY the lead member shall give the presentation.
- The presentation must include references/sources and acknowledgements and mentor name (if any).
- The presentation shall be followed by a Q/A round where the judges shall pose questions regarding the presentation. All team members MUST participate in this session.
- A copy of the presentation should be mailed to svc.ideathon@gmail.com prior to the event date.
- The decision of the judges shall be final.