

HICOOL 2026

Global Entrepreneurship Competition



Invitation code: gpofn



Competition Overview: HICOOL 2026 for Global Entrepreneurs

🎯 Positioning

HICOOL Global Entrepreneur Summit and Entrepreneurship Competition was born for Entrepreneurs. It aims to build a multi-level, multi-dimensional and diversified international entrepreneurial model, seeking high-quality startups worldwide, facilitating entrepreneurs to grow and expand their business in Beijing.

📈 History

2,026

registered projects in 2020



10,055

Registered projects in 2026

Growth rate: +396%


🏆 2026 Competition Highlights


- ✓ Official registration is now open
- ✓ Evaluation by the top judges
- ✓ 200 award-winning seats
- ✓ Global stage showcase

Support for the Competition

 **Multi-level support**
Bonus + Policy + Service

 **Multi-dimensional empowerment**
funds + resources + platform

 **Diversified ecology**
Industry-Academia-Research-Application-Finance

 **Globalization network**
7 competition areas covered

 **Beijing has implemented it.**
Innovation resources in the capital

Global influence continues to grow

Benchmarking Entrepreneurship Events

Registration Information: Time and Channels

Registration time

Registration

Start today

Application closed date

15 April 2026



There is still plenty of time before the registration deadline.
Prepare your materials early.

Registration Portal

Official registration website

<https://www.hicool.com/index.php/account/bole?language=&code=gpofn>



Important Notice: The official website is the only channel for registration.
Other registration methods are invalid.

Review team composition



Investor

A partner at a renowned investment firm and angel investor, with extensive experience in project investment and keen market insight.



Entrepreneur

A successful entrepreneur and executive at an industry-leading company, with extensive hands-on experience in corporate operations and management.



Technology and Industry experts

Research institute experts, technical leaders, and industry analysts with in-depth understanding of technological trends and industrial demands

competitive seat

200 award-winning seats

Basic Entry Requirements

Competition Rule

- ✓ You can enter as an individual or a team
- ✓ The team can have up to 3 members
- ✓ Team members can share the prize money and enjoy reward policies such as household registration in Beijing and medical treatment.
- ✓ Each participant can register for only one event

Company Registration Requirements

Registered company

The establishment date should be on or after January 1, 2016

Unregistered company

Individuals should demonstrate both the intention to establish a business in Beijing and concrete implementation plans.

Project Subject Restrictions

- ⊘ The entity of a competition entry cannot be a listed company.
(Excluding companies listed on the New Third Board)

Personal Qualification Requirements

- ✓ Individuals or team members must have no major credit violations.
- ✓ Individuals or team members must have no criminal record.
- ✓ comply with the laws of the Peoples Republic of China


Project Compliance Requirements

- ✓ Complies with the current laws and regulations, industrial policies, or planning provisions in Beijing.
- ✓ Possess independent intellectual property rights (dispute-free) related to products or technologies, or hold key technologies
- ✓ possesses certain innovative and commercial potential

Requirements after Winning

If the project wins an award, all participants or team members must pay social insurance and personal income tax in Beijing before receiving the award.

Registration and competition restrictions

 Individuals or projects in the following situations are not eligible to participate. Please read carefully.



Restriction 1

Previous Award-winning Projects

Previous winners of HICOOL Global Entrepreneurship Competition

Previous applicants

Applicants for previous HICOOL Global Entrepreneurship Competition

 **Cannot register for the competition**



Restriction 2

Selected Talent Program

Selected for the Beijing Municipal Talent Program (including Zhongguancun Talent Program)

Reward recipient

and entrepreneurs who have received rewards




 **Cannot register for the competition**



Restriction 3

Funded Recipient of Overseas Grants

Entrepreneurs who have received startup funding from Beijing for overseas returnees

-  You can register for the competition
-  Eligible for first, second, and third prize awards
-  Not eligible for the Excellence Award

 Learn about complete competition requirements

 www.hicool.com

Reward Policy: Bonus Settings

 **First Prize** **2 million**
RMB per item


8
Overseas projects

4
Local projects

 **Second Prize** **1 million**
RMB per item

24
Overseas projects

12
Local project

 **Third Prize**
500,000 yuan per project

Overseas Group	48
local group	20


 **Winning Prize**
200,000 yuan per project

Overseas Group	60
local group	24


Total number of winners

200
awarded seats

first prize	12
second prize	36
third prize	68
winning prize	84

 **Pilot program for linking investment with awards**

When a winning project seeks its first round of financing, HICOOLs partner investment platform will prioritize co-investment to support the companys growth.

 **Referral Award**

The competition has established the Referral Award for outstanding project recommenders, and we warmly invite you to actively nominate your projects for participation.

Incentive Policy: Talent Services






Settling in Beijing

- ✓ Chinese nationals who win awards will be given priority in obtaining Beijing household registration.
- ✓ Spouses are eligible for priority in Beijing household registration procedures.
- ✓ Minor children may be given priority in Beijings household registration procedures.

Medical Consultation

Winners will receive high-quality medical services provided by designated medical institutions in Beijing.

Designated medical institutions include:

-  Beijing Tongren Hospital
-  Xuanwu Hospital
-  Beijing Anzhen Hospital
-  Jishuitan Hospital
-  Beijing Xiaotangshan Hospital

Entry and exit convenience

Only for overseas group first, second, and third prize projects

Residence Permit

Foreign laureates and their spouses and minor children may apply for residence permits valid for 2 to 5 years.

Permanent Residence

Upon recommendation, you may apply directly for the Foreigners Permanent Residence Permit.

Security of Subsistence

Only for overseas group first, second, and third prize projects

Foreign unemployed spouses and children under 16 years old of the winners may participate in Beijings "elderly and young" urban residents basic medical insurance

Entry of scientific research materials

Only for overseas group first, second, and third prize projects

Winners may be exempted from import taxes on a small amount of scientific research and teaching materials.



Winners (individuals competing under their own name or team members competing as a team) are eligible for the above reward policies.

Project Development Support



The competition will provide full lifecycle professional services for winning projects, enabling them to achieve one-stop clearance from registration to implementation.



Enterprise service

- > Business registration consultation
- > Tax and Legal Support
- > intellectual property service
- > Human Resources Services



Incubation training

- > Entrepreneurship mentorship
- > Management Skills Training
- > Enhance technical capabilities
- > Business model optimization



Product display

- > Exhibition and Exhibition Opportunities
- > Product launch platform
- > Demo Day
- > Online promotion support



Policy Alignment

- > government project application
- > Accreditation Guidance
- > subsidy policy docking
- > Talent Introduction Support



Capital Match-making

- > Connect with investment institutions
- > financing roadshow opportunity
- > FA Service Support
- > post investment management services



Industry Paring

- > Linking with leading enterprises
- > supply chain resource
- > Channel cooperation opportunities
- > Market Development Support



media publicity

Provide comprehensive promotional support, including brand exposure, media coverage, and industry influence enhancement

Schedule: A 4-Stage Avancing Competition Journey



The competition consists of four stages: preliminary evaluation, regional competition, semi-final, and final.



Registration phase

Start date-15 April 2026

1

Participants submit project materials and complete online registration

The expert panel conducts preliminary screening of the submitted projects

2



Initial evaluation phase

Late April 2026



Regional Stage

May-June 2026

3

Seven competition zones will run simultaneously to select outstanding projects

Progressed projects are displayed for the final round

4



The semifinal stage

July 2026



Final stage

August 2026

5

200 winning projects born from the Summit

Honoring the award-winning projects and witnessing the moment of glory

6



Award ceremony

September 2026 (draft)

Regions and Categories

7 major global competition regions

Competitors can register for the nearest competition zone based on their current location or team members locations.

 **Chinese mainland competition area**

 **Asian Region**
Other regions of Asia excluding the Chinese mainland, including Hong Kong, China, Macao, China, and Taiwan, China

 **European Region**

 **North America Division**

 **South American Division**

 **Oceania Division**

 **Asian Division**

12 Core Categories

Keeping pace with global tech trends, we focus on high-growth, high-innovation future industries.

12

Tier 1
Category

+


32

Tier 2
Category

+

195

Level 3
Category

 Artificial Intelligence/Robotics

 Integrated Circuit/Quantum Information

 5G/6G/Internet of Things (IoT)/Smart City

 Blockchain / Fintech


 Medical Health/Medical Devices/Brain-Computer Interface


 Biotechnology/Health Services

 High-end instruments and equipment/Key components

 New Materials/Green Energy/Low Carbon Environmental Protection

 Intelligent Equipment/Intelligent Vehicle/Aerospace Technology

 software information service/technology service

 Modern Agriculture/Food Science and Technology

 culture creativity

<https://www.hicool.com/web/#/match2026>

Group and period



Group settings

The competition has two categories. Participants must choose one category based on their situation.



Overseas Group

All participants and team members must meet the overseas experience requirements specified in the Registration and Competition Conditions.



Local Group

Participants or team members may have overseas experience



Period settings

The competition has two categories. Participants must choose one category based on their situation.



Maker Stage

One of the following conditions must be met:

- ✓ The company has not yet been registered in Beijing.
- ✓ The company was established on or after January 1, 2026



Growth Stage

The following conditions must be met:

- ✓ The company has been registered in Beijing.
- ✓ The company was established between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2025.



Participants should select the most suitable competition track based on their technical expertise, business scope, and development stage, and register accordingly.

Achievements and Empowerment System

Accumulated data



167

countries and regions



34k

Start-ups



45k

Talents



4 companies

Listed



16

Unicorn companies



208

Specialized, refined, unique, and innovative enterprises

total financing after the game

Reached 65.1 billion yuan

The "Six-in-One" Ecological System



Competition

Selection



Steward

Serve



Business college

Quicken



Fund

Energize



Industrial park

Landing



Digital platform

Match and connect

Full-chain service

Establish a full-chain service system covering government, industry, academia, research, application, and finance.



Government support

Policy support, financial incentives, and talent recruitment



Industrial synergy

Industry-university-research collaboration, technology transfer, and industrial chain integration



Research Support

Technology R&D, Laboratory Resources, Academic Collaboration



Talent cultivation

Entrepreneurship training, mentorship, and team building



Application deployment

Market connection, product promotion, and scenario application



Financial Empowerment

Investment connection, financing service, capital support



Enable one-stop clearance for projects from registration to implementation, with one-click access to Beijings innovation resources



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15 April 2026



Official Site
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Award Seat
200