ENGINEERS OF TOMORROW: FORMULA STUDENT

Official Terms and Conditions

1. Programme Sponsor

The RS Formula Student Funding Programme ("Programme") is sponsored and administered by RS, ("RS," "Sponsor," "we," "our," or "us").

The Programme is intended to support Formula student teams with the provision of products, components, tools, equipment, and related resources available through RS.

2. Programme Period

Applications will be accepted beginning at 10:00amUTC on 05/11/2026 and ending at 10:00pm UTC on 20/01/2027 ("Application Period").

Applications received after the Application Period closes will not be considered. RS reserves the right to extend, shorten, suspend, modify, or cancel the Programme at any time.

3. Eligibility

- To be eligible, applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements at the time of application:
  - A registered Formula Student Team.
  - If previously awarded, team is required to have completed all stages of the previous funding programme.
  - Be currently enrolled in a, college, university, technical institution, trade school, or other recognised educational institution.
  - Be at least (18) years of age at the time of application.
  - Maintain an active DesignSpark account.
  - This competition is not open to anyone living in a country, province, or state where this competition is prohibited, taxed, or otherwise restricted (for example prohibits unregistered competitions or contests or requires the Promotor to post a bond) under national, federal, provincial, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations.
    - In particular, Customers/Teams located in Italy, Iran, Syria, Afghanistan, Cuba, or North Korea are ineligible to participate.
  - Submit a complete application in accordance with these Terms and the Programme Guidelines.

Age Verification. RS reserves the right to verify the age and eligibility of any applicant and may require reasonable documentation to confirm compliance with Programme requirements.

Applications may be submitted by individuals or teams. Teams must designate a primary representative who:

- Submits the application;
- Serves as the primary contact with RS; and
- Accepts responsibility for compliance with these Terms on behalf of the team.

Employees, officers, directors, contractors, and agents of RS and its affiliates, and members of their immediate families or households, are not eligible to participate. Void where prohibited by law.

4. Application Requirements

Applications must:

- Describe a teams' objectives, vision, the type of products and which technical skills they are going to develop.
- Be the applicant's original work or include all necessary permissions for third-party materials.
- Comply with DesignSpark Terms of Use and Community Guidelines.
- Be complete, accurate, and truthful.
- Be submitted in English.

Applicants who utilize artificial intelligence or automated tools in preparing application materials should disclose such use.

RS may request additional information, supporting documentation, clarification, or revisions before completing its evaluation.

RS reserves the right to reject any application that:

- Is incomplete;
- Contains false or misleading information;
- Infringes third-party rights;
- Contains unlawful, offensive, or inappropriate content; or
- Otherwise fails to comply with these Terms.

RS is not responsible for lost, delayed, incomplete, corrupted, or unsuccessful submissions resulting from technical failures or other causes beyond its reasonable control.

5. Selection Process

The Programme is a merit-based funding Programme and is not a lottery, raffle, sweepstakes, or game of chance. Recipients will be selected by RS and/or an evaluation panel designated by RS based on published selection criteria.

Applications may be evaluated based on:

- The Team's objectives and Vision for Formula Student.
- Which technical skills the competition is helping you develop
- How the funding will help impact your project
- Anticipated use of requested products;
- Sustainability and broader social impact considerations; and
- Any additional criteria published in Programme materials.

The decisions of RS regarding eligibility, evaluation, selection, and awards are final.

RS may, in its sole discretion, increase, decrease, or decline to make any awards based on the number and quality of applications received, budget availability, product availability, or other business considerations.

Selection of an application does not guarantee receipt of an award until all eligibility verification and required documentation have been completed.

6. Funding Award

Selected recipients may receive products, components, tools, equipment, and related items available through RS with a total approximate retail value of up to £1,000/ equivalent currency inc. VAT per approved application. The award:

- Is not redeemable for cash;

- Is non-transferable;
- May not be assigned by the recipient;
- Is subject to product availability; and
- May be delivered in one or more shipments.

Recipients may submit a requested product list for approval. RS reserves the right to:

- Approve, reject, or modify requested product selections;
- Substitute comparable products of equal or greater value;
- Limit quantities of any item; and
- Decline requests involving unavailable, restricted, discontinued, impractical, or non-compliant products.

Awards remain subject to applicable customs, sanctions, export control, shipping, and import restrictions.

7. Recipient Obligations

As a condition of receiving an award, recipients must:

- Execute any reasonable award documentation requested by RS;
  - Sign our Agreement based on these terms and conditions and Social Media post (Guidance provided)
  - Order your products (process is region specific)
  - Submit a Designspark article
- Provide contact and shipping information necessary for fulfilment;
- Comply with all applicable laws and regulations;
- Use awarded products primarily for the project described in the application; and
- Complete a feedback survey or Programme report if reasonably requested.

Recipients may be requested to provide an article, summary, presentation, project update, photograph, or similar content approximately three (3) months following receipt of the award. Failure to comply with reasonable Programme administration requirements may result in cancellation of an award prior to shipment.

8. Intellectual Property

Applicants retain ownership of all intellectual property rights relating to their applications, inventions, projects, software, designs, research, reports, and submission materials. By submitting an application, each applicant grants RS and its affiliates a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free license to:

- Review and evaluate submissions;
- Administer the Programme;
- Promote the Programme;
- Publish project summaries;
- Display photographs and submission materials; and
- Use submitted content for educational, promotional, public relations, recruiting, and related business purposes.

Applicants represent that they possess all rights necessary to grant the foregoing license. Nothing in these Terms transfers ownership of applicant intellectual property to RS.

9. Publicity

Recipients may be invited to participate in reasonable publicity activities related to the Programme. Subject to applicable law and any required parental consent, recipients grant RS permission to use their:

- Name;
- School or educational institution;
- City, state, province, or country;
- Likeness;
- Photographs;
- Project title; and
- Project description

for Programme-related promotional, educational, reporting, and marketing purposes without additional compensation.

Participation in publicity activities will not require recipients to endorse RS products or services. Where a recipient is under the age of majority, any publicity rights granted under these Terms shall be subject to prior written consent of the recipient's parent or legal guardian. RS reserves the right to withhold publication of identifying information regarding a minor unless appropriate consent has been obtained.

10. Privacy

Information collected in connection with the Programme will be processed in accordance with the applicable RS Privacy Notice located here: Privacy Policy

RS may collect information necessary to administer the Programme, including:

- Name and contact information;
- Date of birth or age;
- Educational enrolment information;
- Shipping information;
- Project information; and
- Supporting application materials.

Such information may be shared with RS affiliates, service providers, evaluators, logistics providers, contractors, and advisors to administer the Programme and fulfill awards. Personal information may be transferred to and processed in countries other than the applicant's country of residence, subject to applicable privacy laws. Applicants should not submit unnecessary personal information about themselves or others. Any information submitted by individuals determined to be ineligible due to age may be deleted in accordance with applicable law and RS policies.

11. Taxes

Recipients are solely responsible for any taxes, duties, fees, reporting obligations, or other governmental charges arising from receipt or use of an award. RS may require recipients to provide information reasonably necessary to comply with applicable tax reporting requirements.

12. Safety and Compliance

Recipients are solely responsible for:

- The design, construction, testing, and operation of their projects;
- Safe handling and use of awarded products;
- Compliance with manufacturer instructions;

- Obtaining any required permits, approvals, or institutional authorizations; and
- Compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

RS makes no representation regarding the safety, legality, suitability, or fitness of any proposed project.

13. Disclaimer of Warranties

Except as required by applicable law, the Programme and all awards are provided "as is" without warranties of any kind, whether express or implied. Manufacturer warranties, if any, remain subject solely to the terms provided by the manufacturer.

14. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, RS, its affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, contractors, licensors, and service providers (collectively, the "RS Parties") shall have no liability whatsoever arising out of or relating to:

- the Programme;
- any application or submission;
- participation or inability to participate in the Programme;
- selection or non-selection of any applicant;
- receipt, shipment, delivery, delay, loss, defect, or use of any award;
- any project, activity, research, development, design, testing, manufacture, installation, operation, or use of products obtained through the Programme; or
- any decision, act, omission, technical failure, interruption, cancellation, suspension, modification, or termination of the Programme.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the RS Parties shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special, exemplary, punitive, or enhanced damages of any kind, including without limitation loss of profits, loss of business opportunity, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated savings, loss of data, loss of goodwill, personal injury, property damage, business interruption, or any other economic or commercial losses, whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), strict liability, statute, or otherwise, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

To the extent any liability cannot be fully disclaimed under applicable law, the aggregate liability of the RS Parties arising out of or relating to the Programme shall not exceed the lesser of (i) £100 or (ii) the value of the award actually received by the claimant.

The foregoing limitations and exclusions shall apply regardless of the form of action and shall survive completion, withdrawal from, termination, or cancellation of the Programme.

Nothing in these Terms excludes or limits liability that cannot be excluded or limited under applicable law. Recipients assume all risks associated with the design, construction, testing, operation, and use of their projects and any products provided under the Programme.

15. Modification, Suspension, and Disqualification

RS reserves the right to modify, suspend, postpone, or terminate the Programme where necessary due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control. RS may disqualify any applicant who:

- Violates these Terms;
- Attempts to interfere with Programme administration;
- Provides false or misleading information; or

- Acts in a manner inconsistent with the spirit or objectives of the Programme.

16. Governing Law

The prize draw will be governed by English law and entrants to the prize draw submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts. The promoter of this competition is RS Components, Birchington Road, Weldon, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 9RS, United Kingdom (referred to as “host” in these terms and conditions).

participation remains subject to all applicable local laws and regulations. RS may adopt supplemental country-specific terms as necessary to comply with applicable legal requirements.

17. Contact Information

Questions regarding the Programme may be directed to: YouthCommunity@rs.rsgroup.com