

Title	Tshwane Inter-University Innovation Challenge
Organisation	City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province
Innovation	The goal of the Tshwane Inter-University Innovation Challenge (TIUIC) is to develop out-of-the-box, solution-driven thinking and future-oriented students prepared for life-long entrepreneurial pursuits. It also seeks to bridge the gap between research and practice to implement innovative service delivery solutions to improve the livelihoods of all South Africans. The last goal of the TIUIC is to build a vibrant and competitive innovation community in Tshwane. The TIUIC is a student targeted open innovation challenge focusing on service delivery. The goal of the initiative is to develop highly competent, confident student entrepreneurs capable of conceptualising and implementing innovative solutions that can solve service delivery challenges and improve the quality of life of the residents of South Africa and beyond. Focus areas for TIUIC are energy, waste management, transport, and revenue collection/generation. Winners of the TIUIC are rewarded with incubation contracts, seed funding, research assistance, access to experts, opportunities to pilot in a real-life environment, and access to funding opportunities locally and internationally.
Impact	The following are areas where the TIUIC had impact: • Over 150 ideas were received through the competition. • 45 students received an entrepreneurship Blue Oceans Strategy training from French experts. • To date the programme has created 11 standing enterprises and made available R1.2 million in seed funding. • Both non-financial and financial contributions from partners amounted to R8 million. • The 11 enterprises received incubation contracts at The Innovation Hub and Tuksnovation.