FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is the Wipro Challenge?**
   This is a unique 6-week challenge where participants will be given entrepreneurship training to build data-drive circular economy solutions from business and tech point of view as they work on their ideas!

2. **Who can participate?**
   Any currently-enrolled college student from under-grad, post-grad, MBA, or PhD studies from the background of data science, environment science or management can participate.

3. **How can I apply for the Wipro Challenge?**
   Head over to the Challenge website or click on the following link to get redirected to the application form.

4. **What is in for me?**
   Participants get introduced to the concept of entrepreneurship, learn new skills, interacting with industry experts, a chance to build your own startup and networking with fellow climate warriors from across the country and having fun. The winning team will get cash prize up to Rs. 1 lakh in each track. Some students will also get a chance to bag internships with leading climate-tech startups. Head over to the Challenge website to know more about the program offerings.

5. **If I participate in the Challenge, will I get the internship?**
   We will do an internship expo, during which you can apply to any of the available internships, and give an interview if shortlisted. If the climate-tech startup finds your candidature appropriate, they will offer you an internship. The stipend for the same will be given by Wipro Earthian Sustainability Internship Program.

6. **How will the winners be selected?**
   All teams will pitch their ideas to an independent jury panel who will then select the winners based on the relevance of the problem, clarity of solution, understanding of the potential customers, product design (feasibility and efficiency), and the team strength. A different winner will be selected from each track.

7. **Can I apply without a team?**
   Yes, you can apply as an individual. You can join a team during the team-building sessions that will be held in the first week of the hackathon.

8. **How many students should a Team have?**
   Your team should have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 members. You can apply with a team of 2 and recruit additional members during the team building sessions if you want.

9. **Can I recruit more team members even if I apply as a team?**
   Yes! You can recruit additional members even if you have applied as a team. Do remember, your final team can have a maximum of 4 members.

10. **Can I have undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. students, all in one team?**
    Yes, you can. Just be sure to apply in the appropriate track otherwise your team will be disqualified. In case of a mixed team, you will have to select the track as per the highest degree among your teammates.

11. **Which track should I choose if I have an undergraduate and MBA students in my team?**
    You should choose the track according to the highest degree among your teammates. In this case you should choose "Track 2 – Ph.D. or MBA Students".

12. **I am a computer science student with little/no knowledge about circular economy. Can I still apply?**
    Absolutely yes! We will help you pair with an applicant from an environmental science background to form a balanced team for you.

13. **I am an environmental science student but I don't know how to code. Can I still apply?**
    Absolutely yes! We will help you pair with an applicant from data science background to form a balanced team for you.

14. **I am an under-grad student, how am I supposed to compete with a PhD candidate?**
    To maintain a level playing field, the challenge will have two tracks – one for PhD/MBA students and one for postgrad/undergrad students. The winners will be picked from each track.

15. **What if I don't have an idea to work on?**
    That's okay. Most people don't have an idea/problem before they join the challenge. But once you start talking to other people, you might come up with something. You can also work with somebody else on their idea if you like it. Or you can also choose to work on any of the use cases

that we have listed for you [here](#).

16. **What is the program/timetable?**

    Please check the timeline on the [challenge website](#).

17. **Where will the Wipro Challenge take place?**

    The Wipro Challenge will be held online on Zoom platform.

18. **When will the Wipro Challenge take place?**

    The program is a six-week long design challenge from September (2022) - last week onwards.

19. **What is expected out of me at the end of the Challenge?**

    At the end of the Wipro Challenge, the teams are expected to present two things to the jury panel –
    - **a.** Product Design/Prototype
    - **b.** Business Case Presentation

20. **I have another question that is not answered in your FAQs, what should I do?**

    Feel free to write to us for any additional information at shimoli@climatecollective.net