

The Arenberg Foundation – IE Law School Challenge

The ARENBERG FOUNDATION CHALLENGE is an event co-organized by the Arenberg Foundation and IE Law School with the goal of fostering research and dialogue among undergraduate students on matters relevant to Europe’s culture and legal tradition. This experience is in keeping with the mission of the Arenberg Foundation on promoting knowledge of European history and culture. The Arenberg Foundation – IE Law School Challenge adopts the format of a case competition. As a response to the proposed case, IE students working in teams will produce a written report and present their conclusions to a jury. The winning team will receive as a final prize a trip to the three European Union capitals (Brussels, Luxembourg, and Strasbourg) including an invitation to the annual meeting luncheon of The Arenberg Foundation in Enghien.

DATES AND FORMAT

The competition comprises two stages: an undergraduate level course organized by IE Law School, and the final rounds (a separate event). The former will consist of a curricular elective course open to 3rd and 4th year students enrolled in the LLB, BBA LLB, LLB BIR, PPLE and PPLE LLB programs at IE Law School. This course will take place between January and March 2022 and is dependent on a minimum enrollment of 12 students. Promotional materials and an info session will advertise the competition throughout the Summer/Fall 2021. Circumstances permitting, the final rounds will take place in May 2022 and will adopt a hybrid format (in-person at IE Law School facilities for those participants residing in Madrid; online otherwise).

TEAM MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

3rd and 4th year students officially enrolled in the LLB, BBA LLB, LLB BIR, PPLE and PPLE LLB programs at IE Law School.

COMPETITION DETAILS

Students working in teams of three will create a written **report** and deliver it as a **presentation** before a Course Evaluation Panel composed by the competition leader and main Instructor of the course, and two other experts from IE University. The written Report (scale 0-80) and the oral Presentation (scale 0-20). The total score will result from the sum of the score granted by each member of the Panel.

Teams shall be ranked according to the score obtained. The three highest-scoring teams in the course stage will be invited to the final rounds to be held in May. There they will present their work to a Final Evaluation Panel consisting of three members: **two jury members selected by IE Law School and one representative of the Arenberg Foundation**. The Team achieving the highest score in the final rounds will be declared winners. The same rules apply to scoring as in the previous phase of the competition.

COMPETITION THEME

The theme of the 2021/2022 Arenberg Foundation – IE Law School Challenge will be “**Artificial intelligence and legal systems**”. The students will be asked to address from a comparative perspective the use/ misuse of AI and social media and other digital channels for undue political influence based on the rule of law, the protection of the core elements of freedom of expression, including access to information.

REPORT CONTENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

The report must contain the following parts in the following order:

(i) Cover Page: the front cover of each report must have the following information:

- (a) the name of the Team Members
- (b) the name of the Competition (i.e. The Arenberg Foundation competition)
- (c) the title of the document.

(ii) Table of Contents

(iii) Index of Authorities: the Index of Authorities must list all legal authorities cited in any part of the Report and must indicate the page number(s) of the Report on which each is cited.

(iv) Questions Presented

(v) Statement of Facts: a well-formed Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and necessary inferences from the Competition Problem. The Statement of Facts should not include unsupported statements, distortions of the facts provided, argumentation, or legal conclusions.

(vi) Executive Summary: a well-formed Executive Summary of the Report should consist of a substantive summary of the Report, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Report.

(vii) main content with analysis and Suggestion/s.

Length

The word count for each Report shall be conducted using the standard “Word Count” feature in Microsoft Word.

- (a) The Statement of Facts section including the section title must be no longer than 600 words.
- (b) The Summary of Report section, including the section title, must be no longer than 500 words.
- (c) The total length of the Report section, including the section title, any section headings, section sub-headings, associated footnotes, must be no longer than 3,000 words.
- (d) Manipulation of the word count is prohibited and will be subject to a discretionary penalty of up to five (5) points.

Citation Requirements

Footnotes must be used to identify the source of statements or propositions made in the body of the Report. Endnotes are not permitted. Footnotes may include substantive information in addition to the text of the citation itself. Footnotes are included in the word limit. Citations appearing in the Index of Authorities and text or footnotes of the Report must include a description of each authority adequate to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate it in a publication or other source of general availability.

PRESENTATIONS

Each team will present for no more than 10 minutes, after which there will be a 10-minute Q&A session led by the panelists. The three members of each team will have an equal participation in the oral presentation. The presentation file will be submitted in advance to the Panel. Power Point files may be used during the Presentations as a support. Nevertheless, no audiovisual material (videos) shall be included.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Communication during the Presentation shall be limited to written communication among team members. No other communication may take place.

SPECTATORS

All presentations will be open to the public.

PENALTIES

On agreement by all the members of the Panel, penalties may be imposed by the organization and shall be deducted from the Teams' total score. Teams will be notified before the application of any penalty and their comments will be taken into consideration before a final decision is made. Penalties shall be assessed for violations of the Rules concerning the following:

- Tardiness in submitting Reports and/or Presentation file: 5 points for the first day, 3 points per day thereafter. If both Reports have not been submitted by the commencement of the Competition, the Team will be withdrawn from it.
- Resubmission of Report or Presentation file after deadline: 2 points.
- Failure to remove Tracked Changes or Comments: Up to 5 points (one-time penalty).
- Failure to include all parts of Report, or inclusion of an un-enumerated part: 2 points for each part.
- Failure to include necessary and correct information on Report Cover Page: 2 points (one-time penalty).
- Excessive length of Report:
 - Reports 1-100 words over: 3 points
 - 101-200 words over: 6 points
 - 201-300 words over: 9 points
 - 301- 400 words over: 12 points
 - 401+ words over: 15 points
- Excessive length of Executive Summary or Statement of Facts: 2 points (one-time penalty).
- Plagiarism: 1 to 50 points.
- Improper communications: Up to 10 points.
- Inappropriate behavior at the counsel table during the presentation: Up to 10 points.

AWARD TRIP

The highest ranked team will be invited to a 4-day trip to Brussels (as well as Enghien and Leuven), Luxembourg and Strasbourg (scheduled for May/ June 2022). All expenses will be covered by the organization, including flights from/to Madrid, transportation between these cities, and accommodation. Cultural visits will be arranged in those cities, including The Arenberg Archives. Individual certificates with recognition of the performance in the challenge will be granted to each member of the teams by a representative of the Arenberg Foundation.