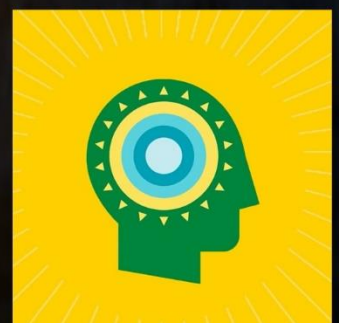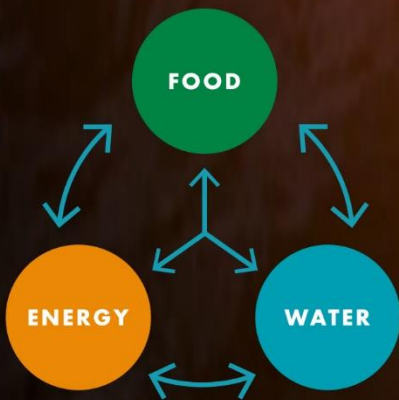# Shell NXplorers
TERMS & CONDITIONS

Overview

NXplorers is an innovative educational programme introduced by Shell Global. It equips young people with the tools and methodology to tackle complex and interconnected problems within their communities, framed in the Food-Water-Energy nexus. Students will apply systems thinking, scenario planning and theory of change to solve a problem in their communities. The duration of the NXplorers programme content delivery is two (2) weeks in August 2024, culminating with finalists showcasing their projects in the NXplorers Competition carded for January 24th 2025. Registered students are expected to agree and abide by the NXplorers Terms and Conditions.

Eligibility

- The NXplorers Programme and Competition is open to undergraduate students who are nationals of Trinidad and Tobago and are currently enrolled in a tertiary level institution within Trinidad and Tobago (e.g. UWI, UTT, COSTATT, USC SBCS, SAM Caribbean Ltd and any other Trinidad and Tobago university/institution).

- Registration is open to students between the ages of 17-25 years old. Students that are under the age of 18 years at the time of the registration must acquire consent from his/her parent or legal guardian to participate in the NXplorers Competition.

- Persons who are currently employed, apprentices, trainees, or interns of any Shell group of companies are not eligible to participate in the Competition.

- Winners of a previous cycle (those who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd) are not eligible to compete in a following NXplorers cycle.

Note: NXplorers is a team competition and students will be required to work in groups.

The Competition Calendar & Guidelines:

There are 3 stages in the competition. The guidelines and calendar below set out the key timings and deadlines for each stage of the Competition.

Venues

UWI St. Augustine Campus: Monday – Thursday, August 12th – August 22nd, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Note: Students are required to attend all workshops each week.

Stage 1: Registration (June 10th – August 5th 2024)

- **Each student** must complete and submit their NXplorers Student Registration Form.

- Online registration begins June 10th 2024 and closes on the August 5th 2024.

  Late registration will not be considered.

Stage 2: Workshop, Submission & Preliminaries (August 12th 2024 – August 30th 2024, UWI & UTT)

- Facilitators from NIHERST will deliver the content via NXplorers workshops for registered students who will be guided through the NXthinking, NXplorers Methodologies and ideation process in preparation for the competition.

- The NXplorers Competition judging criteria is a rubric assessing students' application of the NXthinking tools addressing their problem statements.

- Student participation in all NXplorers workshops is compulsory.

- Each team is required to submit their unique project proposal and any supporting documents by *August 26th 2024 after completing NXplorers workshops*. Late submissions will not be considered.

- Problem statement must be aligned to the Food-Water-Energy nexus.

- In order to receive a Certificate of Completion/Participation AND to participate in the preliminary competition, students must meet the following criteria:
    - Students must attend all phases of the programme (explore, create, change).
    - Students are allowed to miss 2 days but must send an email citing a valid reason for missing the sessions and must complete and submit the activity that they missed on their own time.

- All students are required to participate in an Intellectual Property workshop during the preliminary round of group presentations.

- A preliminary round of student presentations will be conducted after the completion of the workshops, *on **August 29th and 30th 2024***. The top 5 finalist teams will be shortlisted to compete in the NXplorers Competition which will be held on 24th January 2025.

Stage 3: Mentorship and Finals (September 9th 2024 – January 24th 2025)

- The top 5 teams will be engaged by the NIHERST Creative Design Lab in prototype development.
- The top 5 teams will be mentored by a SHELL volunteer in implementation development.
- The challenge competition will crown a "NXplorers Champion" and the winning participants will be awarded attractive prizes.

NXplorers Tertiary Timelines Summary Table			
Items	**Start Date**	**End Date**	**Engage**
Stage 1 – Recruitment			
NXplorers Cycle 5 Registration	10th June 2024	4h August 2024	Calls & Emails
Stage 2 – NXthinking Process			
Orientation and NXplorers Intro (1st Session)	12th August 2024	12th August 2024	Physical
NXplorers Workshops (2nd – 8th Session)	13th August 2024	22nd August 2024	Physical
Submission of Final NXplorers Tools	22nd August 2024	26th August 2024	Emails
IPO workshop	22nd August 2024	22nd August 2024	Physical
Preliminary Competition (Selection of 5 Finalists)	29th August 2024	30th August 2024	Physical
Stage 3 – Mentorship & Competition			
Pre-Mentorship	9th September 2024	27th September 2024	Online (Zoom)
AutoCAD Training	30th September 2024	23rd January 2025	Online (Zoom)
Mentorship Training	23rd September 2024	27th September 2024	Online (Zoom)
Handover and Mentorship (5 Shell Volunteers)	3rd October 2024	23rd January 2025	Online (Zoom)
NXplorers Competition (3-4 Shell Judges)	24th January 2025	24th January 2025	Physical (TBD)
NXplorers Award Ceremony	21st March 2025	21st March 2025	Physical (TBD)

NXplorers Workshop Breakdown			
Workshop 1 (12th August 2024)	**Workshop 2** (13th August 2024)	**Workshop 3** (14th August 2024)	**Workshop 4** (15th August 2024)
Orientation: NXplorers student expectations. **Module 1:** Welcome to NXplorers. **Module 2:** A New Way of Thinking Form Groups of 5 **Module 3:** Introduction to Explore- 'What is the Issue?' Team building exercises Problem Statement	**Module 4:** Explore- What's causing the Issue? Connections Circle Tool	**Module 5:** Explore- Going Deeper Perspectives Circle Tool	**Module 6:** Create Futures. Create Scenario Planning Ideas and Preferred Future- What actions can bring about change? Scenario Planning Quadrant Tool **Module 7:** Ideation
Workshop 5 (19th August 2024)	**Workshop 6** (20th August)	**Workshop 7** (21st August 2024)	**Workshop 8** (22nd August 2024)
Module 8: Change- What actions can lead to our Preferred Future? Feasibility Funnel Tool What are the knock-on effects of certain actions?	**Module** 9: Change- Ripple Effect Tool	**Module 10:** Change Planning & Persuading Persuasion Pyramid Tool	**Module 11:** Action Planning **Module 12:** Reflections & Next Steps

*Note that dates may be subject to change.

Intellectual Property Clause

Any of the work done within this competition could be considered as intellectual property. As such all inventions made could be captured and shared using photos and videos. These photos and video materials could be shared for internal and external communications such as promotions, advertising, internet presence, TV, radio and press reports.

Privacy Policy

All personal data provided by participants will remain secure and confidential at all times.

NXplorers Competition Prizes

1st place $16,500.00
2nd place $13,500.00
3rd place $10,500.00

Special Prizes
Most Innovative $1,500.00
Most Impactful $1,500.00

Note: Cash prizes represent the total amount to be divided equally between team members.