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Press release

Innovation news for the **real world**



bluebox announces 2009 Ideas Competition finalists



Entrepreneurial ideas and exciting up-and-coming research projects including a new-generation biomaterial for bone regeneration, safety equipment for compressed gas and hydraulic outlets, an educational oral hygiene product, and a twenty-four hour multimedia support and professional development service, have been selected as finalists in the **bluebox Ideas Competition** for 2009.

The QUT teams behind the four shortlisted ideas will compete for cash prizes of \$10,000 (first place), \$5,000 (second place) and \$2,500 (third place) as part of the “Translating ideas” second stage of the competition.

Over the coming weeks, teams from QUT’s Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering, Faculty of Creative Industries, and Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation will develop their ideas to pitch stage under the guidance of a **bluebox** mentor. Finalists will complete a commercial analysis of their ideas – including market potential, intellectual property protection, and pathways to market – as they work through the commercialisation process to prepare a ten-minute presentation for pitching at the

finalists’ event on Tuesday 25th August.

Now in its third year, the competition helps QUT students, staff and researchers to consider commercial possibilities for their research, said **bluebox** General Manager Nirdosh Puri.

“The **bluebox Ideas Competition** is about uncovering real-world ideas and research from within QUT, and encouraging researchers to think about the methods available to transfer their work to the real world to benefit the community, government and industry,” said Dr Puri.

“We look forward to working with the four teams of finalists during the competition to develop their ideas further towards this goal,” he said.

Projects which received prizes in the 2008 **bluebox Ideas Competition** included a robotic ultrasound technique for use in cancer treatment, interactive music software to accompany human musicians, and a testing device to determine neuropathy.

2009 **bluebox Ideas Competition** finalists:

- Chengtie Wu / Yin Xiao – “Bioactive glass scaffolds for bone repair” – Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering / Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation
- Kimble Dunster – “Lockouts for pneumatic, hydraulic and gas sources” – Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering
- Jacob Redrup / Todd Malseed / Luke Ceccato / Dennis Damsa / Ahmad Kanaani – “SmileyTeeth” – Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering
- Andy Brader – “3G remote desktops” – Faculty of Creative Industries / Institute of Creative Industries and Innovation

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