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Overview

What does Rise look for in its Global Winners?

Rise Global Winners will come from around the world and demonstrate passion and potential in a range of disciplines. Some winners may excel in STEM fields, others may demonstrate outstanding artistic ability, and others still may have a gift for community service and organizing.

Global Winners will explain how Rise would give them the support they need to get their ideas off the ground—whether there are economic, social, or other hardships standing in their way.

We're looking for applicants who demonstrate the following [Rise Traits](#):

Brilliance

You learn quickly and challenge yourself with new problems.

Perseverance

Obstacles don't keep you down for long. You embrace the challenge and overcome it.

Integrity

Honesty and strong moral principles are core to who you are.

Empathy

You understand others and relate to their experiences.

Calling

Your superpower, your passion. You care about something in an “off the charts” way and have the tireless motivation to achieve it.

How competitive is the application process?

Each year, Rise plans to select 100 Global Winners and provide them with a lifetime of benefits, depending upon demonstrated need, as they work to build a better world.

All age eligible applicants who complete Stage 1 automatically move onto Stage 2—the Rise Challenge. It takes commitment and perseverance to complete the Rise Challenge. Don't worry about how your project compares to that of others. Focus on what represents you and your interests. The best way to increase your chance of winning is to finish the application.



How many people are participating in the Rise Challenge?

Thousands of young people have expressed interest in Rise, and those who were age eligible and completed Stage 1 advanced to Stage 2. We anticipate a smaller number of applicants will complete Stage 2, as it requires 20-30 hours of commitment over the course of seven weeks. We encourage all who are eligible to complete Stage 2 to enjoy the benefit of developing and showcasing your Big Ideas, Challenges, and Solutions.

There is ample evidence that very well qualified applicants—whether for jobs, admissions, scholarships, etc.—don't apply for opportunities when they think there are low chances of them being accepted. Don't worry about figuring out the probability of winning for this Challenge. The best way to increase your chance of winning is to finish the application!

How does the application process differ across platforms?

There are three ways to complete your application: via Hello World, Whatsapp, or a paper application. These different pathways are important because many people in the world do not have good access to the internet or electronic devices.

The activities are similar in each pathway, and we look for the same attributes. However, there are a few differences in the application formats: Hello World supports video applications; WhatsApp and paper use written responses. Hello World and Whatsapp both allow peer review; paper does not. In Hello World, you can review and change your answers, but this is not possible in WhatsApp or with a paper application.

Applicants from each pathway will be reviewed only in relation to others in that pathway in Stage 2. In Stage 3, everyone will be part of the same pool of applicants.

Evaluation

How are applicants evaluated and selected?

The purpose of our selection process is to look at the whole you, not just your past achievements—but also your future potential. To do this, we divide our selection process into distinct components so we can learn about you from as many different angles as possible.

Peer Review

First, your video responses will be reviewed by a random selection of your peers according to the [Rise Traits](#). This review will get factored along with the other information you've shared throughout the application process to develop a composite score.



Expert Review

The submissions receiving the highest scores will then be reviewed by a panel of judges. The panel of judges includes global experts who come from diverse backgrounds and work across numerous fields.

Live Evaluation

Up to 500 Finalists will move onto Stage 3, where they will participate in a series of activities and interviews. These applicants are further evaluated by an additional review panel that selects 100 Global Winners.

How much of each part of the application counts?

The application is like a jigsaw puzzle of multiple pieces: your videos, your reviews of other peoples' videos, the reviews of your videos, your project summary, your profile information, and the Puzzle Quiz. All pieces count and together form a whole picture of you as an applicant at Stage 2.

How am I being evaluated on the Puzzle Quiz, and how much does it count?

Once you complete the Rise Challenge, the final step of Stage 2 is a Puzzle Quiz. You will complete the quiz in the Hello World app, which takes approximately 25 minutes. You will have 90 seconds to answer each question. You can only take the quiz once, and you cannot return to previous questions, so please make sure you're in a comfortable place with a stable internet connection and no interruptions. Remember, you are not your quiz score; this is just another way of getting to know you.

Does the information in Stage 1 count?

Yes. We have many ways of getting to know you. Your responses to the questions in Stage 1—and your peers' review of those responses—will count.

Do the Expert Lessons count?

The Expert Lessons are resources to help you with your Challenge and, hopefully, enrich your experience. They are optional and will not be factored into the Rise selection process.

Will my video be fairly reviewed if I submit it at the end?

We will make sure that all videos are reviewed, whether they come in on the first day or the last day of Stage 2. That said, we don't recommend that you wait until the last day, as you need to upload your videos, review others' videos, and complete your Puzzle Quiz to finish Stage 2. Please allow yourself time to do this.



We recommend the following schedule for completing the Rise Challenge, but the phases can be completed at any time before the deadline:

Engage: February 18, 2021

Investigate: March 4, 2021

Act: March 20, 2021

Reflect: March 26, 2021

This is not a requirement; it's a suggested schedule to help you pace yourself. You might have less time earlier and more time later on. You may find that you need to spend more time on Investigate and less time on Act. You decide what your timeline looks like. We will not be checking where you are in the process except to send you encouragement.

Peer Review

Why do you use peer review?

Peer review is just one of many approaches to creating a fair and inclusive evaluation process. After months of research, the Rise Team found that YOU are able to “see” your peers as well as—if not better than—professional adult reviewers. The questions that your peers are asked to rate you on evaluate your answers according to the [Rise Traits](#).

We also recognize that no one—peer or expert—is immune from personal bias, so we've developed a process that can detect bias and correct for it. Using data analysis, we are able to normalize scores for reviewers who may be overly harsh, critical, or unreliable. We do this to help ensure that all Rise Challenge participants are competing on a level playing field.

Peer review also has the benefit of enabling Rise to gather applications from a large number of applicants. By leveraging the power of the community, we can ensure that everyone gets evaluated across multiple personality traits.

How many peer submissions do I need to review?

You will review three of your peers' submissions by answering select questions at the end of each of the four phases. Therefore you will review 12 peer submissions in total to complete the Rise Challenge.

What if someone reviews unfairly, or gives me low scores to make themselves look better?

We ask that you review one another with integrity. Not only are you on your honor to do so, but we are looking out for reviews that negatively target other participants. As described above, we have implemented measures to help detect and correct for biases to ensure that no applicant will be affected because of unfair or unreliable peer reviewers. So please, review honestly and fairly.



Why can't I see what other people think of my videos?

Reviewing other people's videos is a way to make you more critically aware of what works and what doesn't. The more videos you review, the more perspective and inspiration you'll gain. You can reflect on your own work and apply your learning to your own videos. We also recommend sharing your videos with others off the platform for feedback.

For more information, see the complete [Rise Rules](#).