

iOS App Development Challenge: FAQ

What is the iOS App Development Challenge?

The iOS App Development Challenge is a six-month challenge for high school students. Students will use free resources and tools from Apple to develop an app that solves a problem in education, health or the environment.

Who can participate?

This challenge is open to UAE nationals and residents ages 14-18 currently enrolled in private and government high schools in Abu Dhabi.

Is the competition free?

Yes, it is free to participate.

How can I sign up?

Register at <https://www.mdsiosappdev.com> by 3 June 2021.

What are the dates?

- **Register:** Register on the [competition website](#) by 3 June 2021.
- **Virtual Sessions:** Virtual sessions will run June - August 2021. Exact dates/times are in the Program Guidebook on the [competition website](#).
- **Competition Submissions:** All final submissions are due 31 October 2021. There will be milestones to complete along the way. Please see the Program Guidebook on the [competition website](#) for details.

Can I work on a team?

Students can participate individually or in teams of 2-4 students. Teams do not have to be from the same school. Students must find their own team if they want to participate in a group.

Do I need to know coding to participate?

Students do not need to have prior experience coding to participate. Students can participate in one of the following competition categories:

- Category 1: UX/UI design only for final submission
- Category 2: Fully developed app for final submission

What type of support is provided for participants?

Students will be provided with free virtual sessions throughout the summer, a program guidebook, as well as a number of free resources related to coding with Swift, design and more.

What devices are required?

An iOS device is required to participate. If you are interesting in acquiring a device, email: educationstore@mdsuae.ae

- Category 1: UX/UI design only for final submission (iPad, MacBook or iMac required)
- Category 2: Fully developed app for final submission (MacBook or iMac required)

What downloads are required?

- Category 1: UX/UI design only for final submission ([Keynote](#) required)
- Category 2: Fully developed app for final submission (download [Swift Playgrounds](#) and [Xcode](#) for free)

What if I have other questions?

Please send questions to: appdev@mdsuae.ae