



## F4T 2026 Challenge and Research Showcase Overview

*Compete for \$5,000 in high-impact case challenges and research presentations* that shape the future of food, judged directly with pioneers in tech-driven food innovation/consulting, finance mechanisms, and interdisciplinary interventions.

### Timeline for Submissions and Awards

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestones</u>
<b>Pre-Festival</b>	
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Consulting:</b> Prompts Open <b>Finance and Tech:</b> Interest Apps
<b>March 19–April 17</b>	<b>Consulting:</b> Finalists work period
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Research Showcase:</b> Posters Due
<b>During the Festival!</b>	
<b>April 17</b> <b>11:00am-12:15pm</b>	<b>Research showcase:</b> Poster presentation, judging, and awards
<b>April 17 (full day)</b>	<b>Tech:</b> Panel, team/expert office hour
<b>April 18</b> <b>11:30am-12:30pm</b>	<b>Consulting:</b> Proposals are pitched and prizes awarded in person.
<b>April 18 (full day)</b>	<b>Finance:</b> Panel, expert office hours
<b>Post-Festival</b>	
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Finance and Tech:</b> Pitches and cash prizes awarded in full
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Finance:</b> Kickstarting for Good Deadline for submissions



## Overview of Each Program's Content and Applications

### Research Showcase – Abstracts Applications Are Now Open

The F4T Research Showcase is your chance to present original work to a diverse, interdisciplinary community committed to building the future of food.

- **What you'll do:** Present your research, get feedback, and connect with peers and experts across disciplines. We'll take care of printing logistics on our end!
- **Who it's for:** Students and early-career researchers across all relevant fields. [Submit your abstract](#). Direct any questions you might have to our gmail!

### Consulting Challenge – Sign-Ups Are Now Open

Work in teams to tackle a real-world food systems [consulting case](#), then present to judges with experience from BCG, Bain, and more. [Apply here](#).

### Tech Challenge – Sign-Ups Are Now Open

We invite participants to build technical solutions to a [real food systems challenge](#) and demo them to a panel of industry experts. [Apply here](#).

### Finance Challenge – Sign-Ups Are Now Open

Interested in redesigning investment, venture, and capital strategy in the food system? Fill out the [application form](#) and view the [case outline](#) now!