

Terms and conditions of the SpinUOC Dona Award 2026

2nd SpinUOC Dona Awards for the best project in the SpinUOC 2026 programme led by a female entrepreneur in the Hubbik ecosystem

The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (hereinafter the "UOC") organizes the annual entrepreneurship and knowledge transfer event known as #SpinUOC.

#SpinUOC is part of the UOC's Hubbik platform, created to promote and stimulate innovative, entrepreneurial and knowledge transfer projects produced by students, alumni, members of faculty, research staff, course instructors and administrative staff of the UOC, and linked to the university's fields of knowledge.

The #SpinUOC programme, which was first launched by the UOC in 2013, has become established as a platform for the advancement of innovative and entrepreneurial projects that align with the university's core strategic areas and mission. Over the years, it has increased in number, quality and impact, broadening the opportunities available for visibility and growth.

To continue to promote entrepreneurship and achieve a greater diversity of projects, the 2026 edition of SpinUOC is split into three different calls:

- **SpinUOC 2026**, a general call open to general entrepreneurial projects, as in previous editions;
- **SpinUOC Rural 2026**, which is aimed at projects with an impact on rural areas carried out in municipalities of up to 5,000 inhabitants or with direct application to the rural world; and
- **SpinUOC Dona 2026**, which is awarded for projects led by women submitted under either of the other two calls (the general SpinUOC call and SpinUOC Rural).

These terms and conditions set out the requirements for participating in SpinUOC Dona 2026, and the details for the general SpinUOC call and SpinUOC Rural can be found in their own terms and conditions.

ONE. ORGANIZER

The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (hereinafter the "UOC"), with registered office in Barcelona, Rambla del Poblenou, 154-156, is holding the 2nd SpinUOC Dona Awards **for the best project led by a female entrepreneur in the Hubbik ecosystem**, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

SpinUOC may also be co-funded through other sponsorship agreements or subsidies, which

will be duly reported.

TWO. PURPOSE

These terms and conditions govern the awarding of the SpinUOC Dona Awards to the best project led by a female entrepreneur registered in either category of the SpinUOC 2026 programme.

This award is part of [#SpinUOC](#), the UOC's entrepreneurship and knowledge transfer event in which eight projects by members of the UOC community compete for three cash prizes each year.

The aim in 2026 is to consolidate the **SpinUOC Dona** satellite competition first held in 2025, **a pitch competition that will be held through the [Easypromos](#) platform in [video format](#)**. This initiative was created to **highlight and promote the projects of female entrepreneurs in the [Hubbik](#) ecosystem**, the UOC's entrepreneurship and knowledge transfer platform.

THREE. PRIZES, ELIGIBILITY AND DISQUALIFICATION, AND RULES ON AWARDING PRIZES

This is an international award consisting of two prizes:

- **First prize:** There is a prize of €10,000. Winners also receive personalized expert mentoring and are given access to a mentoring and investment network, as well as to the Hubbik virtual incubator for one year.
- **Second prize:** This prize has no financial reward. Winners receive personalized online advice and are given access to the contact networks of the UOC and its partners. This service will be provided through the Hubbik virtual incubator, to which they will have access for one year from the date of receipt of the award.
- In addition, **all participants** will have access to entrepreneurship-related Hubbik resources and opportunities for one year. To avail themselves of this opportunity, they must register for the Entrepreneurial Process Guidance Programme. This registration is independent of their participation in the SpinUOC Dona Award.

The winners will be chosen by means of a selection process that ensures transparency, equal opportunities and objective assessment.

No more than one project may simultaneously win two €10,000 prizes out of all the calls (SpinUOC Dona, which is covered by these terms and conditions, SpinUOC Rural and the general SpinUOC call, all of them in the 2026 edition).

FOUR. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPINUOC DONA CALL AND SIMULTANEOUS PARTICIPATION IN THE (GENERAL) SPINUOC AND SPINUOC RURAL CALLS

This call is open to **women of legal age**, without geographic restrictions, who have **registered in the general or SpinUOC Rural call of the SpinUOC 2026 programme**. Candidates must **either lead or be members of the team responsible for the project**, regardless of its state of development.

Furthermore, at the time of submitting the application, candidates must meet the requirements for participation in the specific call in which they want to take part, be it the general SpinUOC call or SpinUOC Rural, which are set out in detail in their respective terms and conditions.

Candidates who fail to register for one of the aforementioned programmes by the deadline will not be eligible for participation in this call.

FIVE. APPLICATION SUBMISSION METHOD AND DEADLINES

Applicants wishing to participate in this call who meet the requirements for participation must complete a registration form with the information shown in Appendix I by registering for either SpinUOC 2026 or the SpinUOC Rural programme.

The participation period will be composed of the following three phases:

1. Phase 1. Registration period: from 19 January to 24 April

The competition participation period will be open until 24 April inclusive.

Participation is restricted to **those female entrepreneurs who have previously participated in a Hubbik programme**. This circumstance will be carefully checked, and any applications that do not meet these requirements will be rejected.

Candidates must **either lead or be members of the team responsible for the project**, regardless of its stage of development.

Hubbik will also inform all female entrepreneurs registered in the SpinUOC 2026 and SpinUOC 2026 Rural programmes of the participation periods.

All the information and the procedure for participating in this award, including a copy of these terms and conditions, will be made available on the Hubbik website. This will also include a communication kit for taking part.

The **communication kit** will include:

- a. A template setting out the recommended structure and content for their pitch.
- b. Practical tips for a winning pitch.

c. Advice on how to record themselves.

The **pitch submission period will run from 1 April to 24 April** (inclusive), and candidates must register directly on the dedicated website, <http://www.spinuocdona.com/>, and enter the information specified in Appendix I.

The details making them eligible to take part will be checked by Hubbik staff. The videos submitted will also be checked to ensure that they meet the requirements for participation (90-second time limit) and do not include any content that is contrary to the UOC's values.

In order to be valid and eligible for the prizes, videos must meet the following requirements:

Content:

- Candidates are allowed to be creative in their videos, but they must appear on screen presenting the pitch at some point during the recording.
- The use of inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory content is strictly prohibited.
- The recommended aspect ratio for the recording is 16:9 (landscape), with a maximum file size of 500 MB.

Each participant may submit only one video.

2. Phase 2. Voting on the submitted projects: from 4 to 24 May 2026

Once the projects have been checked and reviewed, the landing page with the presentation videos will open for voting at 9 a.m. on 4 May and will remain open until 11.59 p.m. on 24 May.

Users wishing to vote must provide their name and email address. Each user can cast up to five votes.

The visibility of posts will depend on the extent to which they have been shared by participants, their teams or third parties.

Hubbik and the UOC will also publicize the competition and share the landing page for voting for participating projects.

3. Phase 3. Notification and confirmation of finalists: from 25 to 29 May

The four [4] videos with the highest number of votes at 11.59 p.m. (CET) on 24 May will move on to the next assessment phase, which will be led by an expert jury.

The participants whose projects have been chosen as finalists by the public vote will be notified by email from 25 May. To be eligible for the prize, participants must attend the SpinUOC 2026 event, which will take place on 18 June 2026 at the UOC centre in Barcelona. The participants who submitted the selected projects must confirm their presence at the SpinUOC event, either directly or through a representative, by 31 May. If they fail to do this, the project with the next highest number of votes will be selected as a finalist in their place. The final results with the four selected projects will be posted on the UOC's Instagram account and other social media channels, as well as on its website, from 1 June.

The projects will be evaluated by a jury of five people with experience in the field of entrepreneurship with a gender perspective.

The jury will be composed of a minimum of five [5] professionals from the UOC and its partner entities and other individuals with connections to the world of enterprise, including one with links to the UOC and the Hubbik programme.

The members of the jury will be announced on the Hubbik website.

4. Phase 4. Awarding the prize

The final prize will be announced during the #SpinUOC 2026 event, which will take place on 18 June 2026. The selected projects will be presented at this event, including a screening of part of their pitches, and the two winners will receive their awards.

The jury's decisions regarding the two [2] winning projects will be published on the day after the #SpinUOC 2026 event on the e-Noticeboard of the UOC's e-services portal.

SIX. JURY

- The jury responsible for selecting the four [4] finalist projects (phase 2) will be a **popular jury composed of those users who have voted on the voting page established for this purpose on the Easypromos platform**. Users will vote on the videos submitted according to the established criteria.
- The jury of experts that will evaluate the four [4] projects (phase 4) with the highest number of votes and choose the winners of the **SpinUOC Dona Award** will be

composed of a minimum of five [5] professionals from the UOC and its partner entities and other individuals with connections to the world of enterprise. *The members of the jury will be announced on the Hubbik website.*

SEVEN. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The applications that have been selected as finalists will be evaluated by the jury, which will award them up to 5 points for each of the following criteria:

1. **Communication (up to 5 points):** The quality, clarity and persuasiveness of the participant's elevator pitch video, based on how concisely and effectively it conveys her business idea.
2. **Screening of the business project (up to 5 points):** The project's long-term viability, growth potential and adaptability to market trends.
3. **Potential to drive true change in society (up to 5 points):** The project's social impact and ability to bring about significant change and improve people's quality of life, with an emphasis on its contribution to social welfare and/or sustainable development.
4. **Innovativeness (up to 5 points):** The disruptive and innovative nature of the project, as well as its technological and/or knowledge base.

The final score of the winning projects will be the average of the scores obtained in the above four criteria. Projects will be evaluated and sorted in descending order according to their total score. The two highest-scoring projects will be selected as the winners.

EIGHT. CALENDAR

This call is subject to the following dates and deadlines:

- Registration for either of the programmes that qualify participants for the competition (SpinUOC or SpinUOC Rural): by 18 January 2026 (inclusive).
- Registration and uploading of the video on the competition landing page: from 1 to 24 April 2026.
- Voting: from 4 to 24 May inclusive.
- Notification to the four [4] finalist projects: from 25 May 2026.
- Acceptance of finalist status and confirmation of attendance at SpinUOC 2026: by 31 May 2026.
- Publication of the finalists: from 1 June 2026.
- Announcement of the first and second SpinUOC Dona prizes: 18 June 2026, during the #SpinUOC 2026 event.
- Publication: the jury's decisions regarding the two [2] winning projects will be published from 19 June 2026 on the e-Noticeboard of the UOC's e-services portal.

NINE. PAYMENT OF PRIZES AND TAXATION

The prize will be paid by bank transfer to the account number requested from the winner once she has been informed of her win.

The cash prize is subject to tax withholding as provided in the Law on Spanish Personal Income Tax ("IRPF"). In accordance with the current legislation, the UOC will carry out the appropriate withholding of tax on account of IRPF on behalf of the tax authorities and will issue a certificate to the winner with details of the tax withheld.

If the winner wishes to decline the prize, she must submit a written statement to the jury explaining the reasons for her decision. In such case, the jury may award the prize to the candidate who came second in the vote.

The jury reserves the right to retract or cancel the prizes in the event of fraud or breach of these terms and conditions. Anyone committing a fraudulent act will be immediately disqualified.

Prizes are non-transferable.

TEN. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRIZE WINNERS

The winners of the prize are subject to the following obligations:

- To certify before the UOC their fulfilment of the requirements and conditions of these terms and conditions.
- To participate in the various phases of the process, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in these terms and conditions.
- To submit to the UOC's checks as necessary to verify, where applicable, the fulfilment of the requirements for the granting of the award.

Failure to comply with these obligations will result in the candidate losing the grant awarded and being ineligible for other similar grants or financial aid in the future, unless there is a valid reason for the non-fulfilment of the obligation as per the UOC's financial regulations.

The UOC may revoke a grant at the selection body's request if it becomes aware of any omitted information or misrepresentation in the candidate's application.

ELEVEN. RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES

The UOC provides participants with an email address for enquiries regarding these terms and conditions, deadlines, terms and conditions for participation and, in general, all matters regulated herein.

Questions should be sent to the following email address:

- hubbik@uoc.edu

TWELVE. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, IMAGE RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- By accepting these terms and conditions, participants warrant to the UOC that they are the authors and owners of the intellectual property rights in the documentation and explanatory video of the project with which they are participating in this call, and that these do not violate the intellectual or industrial property or image rights or confidential information of any third parties.
- Participants authorize the UOC to use this documentation and the explanatory video for the sole purpose of performing the project selection process and deciding on the awarding of prizes.
- By submitting their videos to the Easypromos platform, participants grant a licence of use, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the platform, to play the video to other participants or third parties who log on to the platform to vote.
- During the selection process phases, the UOC provides participants with a series of supporting documentation and videos, which it either owns or is legally entitled to use, including, but not limited to, templates, diagrams, tutorials and guides, which participants must use to refine their project proposal. In this regard, by accepting the terms and conditions, participants undertake to use these materials for the sole purpose of complying with the provisions of these terms and conditions and to ensure their non-disclosure and confidentiality, as well as not to disseminate them, disclose them to third parties or make any use of them other than for the aforementioned purposes.
- Participants are liable to the UOC for any third-party claims arising from the violation of intellectual or industrial property rights and image rights with respect to the project documentation and explanatory video with which they are participating in this call and regarding the use of the documentation and supporting videos provided by the UOC. The UOC reserves the right to exclude any participants who infringe the UOC's or third parties' ownership rights.

- In the event that an entrepreneur is selected as one of the four finalists and her pitch is screened during the #SpinUOC 2026 event, she authorizes the UOC to capture, process, record and disseminate her image and voice and the content provided by her, **as well as** the photographic and audiovisual material prepared by the UOC to promote and publicize her project proposal, and to publish the results of this call and the #SpinUOC 2026 event and the SpinUOC Dona Award.

THIRTEEN. DATA PROTECTION

This call is governed by the data protection legislation set forth below.

In compliance with Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December on the protection of personal data and guarantee of digital rights and Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (hereinafter the "GDPR"), participants are informed of the following aspects.

Data controller

Fundació per a la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Rambla del Poblenou, 156-158, Barcelona.

If you have any questions about the processing of personal data, you can contact the data protection officer at the email address dpd@uoc.edu.

Purpose of the processing

- To manage and decide on the application and award of the SpinUOC Dona 2026 Award (hereinafter the "prizes").
- To process the voice and image captured in the audiovisual recordings submitted by the participant through the Easypromos platform – which acts as the data processor – for the purpose of enabling the videos to be shared and voted on in accordance with the criteria specified in this document.
- To publish the prize winner's full name on the e-Noticeboard of the UOC's e-services portal and in the UOC's own media and corporate social media profiles, such as Instagram, for the purpose of promoting, publicizing and announcing the prizes and providing information on the winning projects.
- To capture, process and disseminate the participant's voice and image during the #SpinUOC 2026 event, in which the winning projects will be presented and the video submitted by the participant in connection with the awards on the UOC website will be screened, as well as in the UOC's own media and on its corporate social media profiles for the purpose of promoting, publicizing and announcing the prizes and providing information on the winning projects.

- The UOC will share the personal data of the participants selected as finalists with the University of Santiago de Compostela, in its capacity as member of the jury, as strictly necessary to select the winners in accordance with the terms and conditions of the call.
- To assess and monitor the activity through statistics and satisfaction surveys related to the prizes.
- If the participants so authorize by filling in the voluntary information fields on the form, the data provided will be processed to examine the scope and impact of the activity.
- If the participants so authorize, to send information related to Hubbik services and activities, as well as the latest entrepreneurship-related news.

Legal basis

- The performance of a contract (the terms and conditions of the call)
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- The legitimate interest in evaluating and monitoring the activity through statistics and satisfaction surveys related to the prizes.
- Consent expressed by completing the voluntary fields on the form to analyse the scope and impact of the activity.
- Consent to send information related to Hubbik services and activities, as well as the latest entrepreneurship-related news.

In any case, you can withdraw your consent at any time through the methods indicated in the "Rights of data subjects" section of this document.

Storage period

Personal data will be retained for the duration of this call. In relation to the purpose of sending information on Hubbik services and activities and the latest entrepreneurship-related news, your personal data will be processed until you ask us to stop.

At the end of the indicated period, the UOC will keep the personal data blocked for as long as necessary to comply with any legal obligations that may give rise to liability in relation to the indicated purposes. When these liabilities expire, the personal data will be permanently deleted.

Recipients

The data you provide us with by participating in this call will be disclosed to third parties as necessary to comply with the legal obligations that may apply in each case.

If you are a finalist under the terms of Clause 3 of this document, your data will be shared with the University of Santiago de Compostela, in its capacity as member of the jury, for the purpose of selecting the winners.

In addition, the UOC works with service providers that assist it in performing various tasks related to the processing of your personal data.

Security measures

The UOC will process the personal data with absolute confidentiality. In addition, it has implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure its security and prevent its destruction, loss or unauthorized access or tampering. In deciding these measures, criteria such as the scope, context and purpose of the processing, the current state of the art and the existing risks have been taken into account.

Rights of data subjects

Data subjects have the following rights in relation to data protection:

Right	What does it consist of?
Right of access	Check what personal data we have.
Right to rectification	Amend the personal data we have when it is inaccurate.
Right to object	Ask for personal data not to be processed for certain specific purposes, as well as not to be the subject of automated individual decisions.
Right to erasure	Ask that we erase personal data.
Right to restrict processing	Ask that we restrict processing of your personal data.
Right to data portability	Ask that we give you the information we have in a digital format.

Right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority	<p>Lodge a complaint.</p> <p>Without prejudice to the possibility of exercising your rights before the data controller, you may file a complaint with the supervisory authority in defence of your rights at any time via the website www.apdcat.cat.</p>
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To exercise these rights, simply send an email to the UOC at fuoc_pd@uoc.edu with "Data protection" in the subject line. The request must include, as applicable, a copy of your Spanish ID card (DNI) or equivalent identification document and the minimum content set forth in the applicable legislation. If your request does not meet the specified requirements, you may be asked to amend it. There is no charge for exercising these rights, although a fee may be charged in the case of requests that are groundless, excessive or repetitive.

FOURTEEN. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The submission of the application involves:

- Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this call.
- Agreement by the participant to adhere to the pathway described in these terms and conditions.
- Attendance at the #SpinUOC 2026 event, which will take place on 18 June 2026, if the project is selected as a finalist. Agreement by the winners to provide the UOC, at its request, with brief details about the progress of their project during the year after the presentation at #SpinUOC 2026, in order to maintain the relationship and collaboration and for publication in the UOC's activity reports and other information of the UOC related to the #SpinUOC programme.
- The UOC reserves the right to extend the deadlines established in this call if it deems this appropriate, or to cancel or suspend them, as long as the decision is justified by reasons of force majeure, legal obligations or other criteria. In such case, the UOC shall be exempt from any liability or obligation to pay compensation to participants.
- The UOC may disqualify any participants who are in full or partial breach of the participation terms and conditions set forth herein.
- The selected candidates undertake to comply with each and every one of the phases established in these terms and conditions, except in the event of a cause duly justified with supporting documents. If the technical committee determines that the cause of termination is not duly justified or is in bad faith or reckless, the selected candidate will be excluded from competing in future editions of SpinUOC or any other entrepreneurship programmes organized by the UOC.

FIFTEEN. JURISDICTION

- These terms and conditions are governed by Spanish law.
- Any disputes or litigation arising from these terms and conditions and the grants awarded will be resolved by the courts of the city of Barcelona. The applicants and beneficiaries waive any other jurisdiction that may apply to them.

Barcelona,

Xavier Vilajosana

Vice Rector for Research, Knowledge Transfer and Entrepreneurship

APPENDIX I. DATA COLLECTED IN THE PROGRAMME REGISTRATION FORM

- Fill in the form with your details
- Full name
- Contact email address
- Contact telephone number
- Date of birth
- Geographic location: Barcelona (province); Catalonia (other provinces); Spain (other autonomous regions); Other country
- City of residence
- Hubbik programme in which you have participated: SpinUOC; EduTECH Emprèn; Other
- Title of the project
- Project's state of development: Initial idea; Validation phase; In development; Already on the market
- Your role or position in the project
- How did you find out about the competition? Virtual incubator; Website; Social media; Newsletter; Recommendation; Online advertising; Search engine
- Would you like to receive information about other entrepreneurship-related Hubbik projects and activities? Yes;No