

## SMU team wins Budget 2022 planning challenge



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SINGAPORE - A team of students from Singapore Management University (SMU) has won the annual Public Policy Challenge (PPC) organised by the Public Service Division.

They beat about 60 other contestants in the competition to plan policies and think of solutions to issues for the Singapore Budget 2022.

Participants also had to make decisions and deal with simulations by seeking the help of policymakers, stakeholders and field experts during the 24-hour case competition.

In its fifth year, the annual PPC aims to raise participants' awareness of the challenges involved in public policy development and implementation.

Participants, tasked to address issues posed by a case scenario, had to consider the needs of stakeholders, manage trade-offs, and propose policy options.

This year's PPC drew a total of 91 teams comprising more than 300 Singaporean/PR students from universities in Singapore, UK, France, US, Canada and Australia. 16 teams took part in the semi-finals.

The top three teams proceeded to the finals and presented to a panel of three judges - Ms Yong Ying-I, Permanent Secretary of the Public Service Division; Mr Ng How Yue, Second Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry; and Mr Chee Hong Tat, Chief Executive Officer of the Energy Market Authority.

Team Spark from SMU emerged the winners and walked away with \$3,000 in cash. Teams

The Doppler Effect and Multi-Polity from National University of Singapore won \$2,000 and \$1,500 respectively.



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Members of the three teams may have the opportunity to take part in internships with the Public Service Division.

The remaining semi-finalist teams each received a \$400 cash prize.

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