

Create AI Agents Championship

Schedule & participant guide — compiled 12 October 2026 from the official championship page and launch press release.

AED 2.5M+ TOTAL PRIZE POOL (EXCEEDS)	4 × 550K AED GRANTS — ONE PER CATEGORY	AED 1M TOP HONOUR — AGENT OF THE YEAR	MAY 2027 GRAND FINAL — LIVE ON STAGE
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Key facts

Structure, eligibility and awards

Item	Detail
Prize pool	Exceeds AED 2.5 million in total.
Category grants	AED 550,000 (about USD 150,000) to each of the four category winners.
Top honour	One of the four winners is named Dubai AI Agent of the Year and receives AED 1 million in additional funding (press release). The page FAQ summarizes total grants as USD 750,000.
Who can enter	Anyone worldwide — technical or non-technical, no minimum age. Individuals or teams of up to 6 members. Youth category: lead applicant under 21 at registration.
Entry stage	Idea, prototype or early MVP. Fully commercialized solutions are excluded; existing businesses may submit a NEW agent capability.
Cost & entries	Free to enter; participants bear their own development costs. Multiple submissions are allowed; materials in English only.
The decisive rule	You may enter with an idea — but Grand Finalists must present a fully functional, working AI agent live on stage, not an MVP.

COMPETITION TIMELINE

Thirteen milestones from launch to the Grand Final.

Phase	When	Milestone
EXPLORE	7 Oct 2026	Championship launch — registration opens
EXPLORE	Oct – Nov 2026	Agentic AI Series: three open, live workshops
EXPLORE	Nov 2026	Digital Academy: ten self-paced videos, no technical background required
BUILD	Nov – Dec 2026	Time to Build: four advanced training courses, four practical workshops, mentorship sessions
BUILD	Nov 2026 – Jan 2027	Prepare the prototype, pitch deck and demo video
BUILD	Jan 2027	Registration closes — see the date discrepancy note below; treat December 2026 as the safe deadline
COMPETE	Jan 2027	Submit: AI-agent prototype + pitch deck + demo video
COMPETE	Jan 2027	24 semifinalists announced; Tech Accelerator Programme begins
COMPETE	Feb – Mar 2027	Semi-finalist pitch training
COMPETE	Mar 2027	Semi-Final Pitch Day — jury, investors, industry experts
COMPETE	Mar 2027	12 finalists announced
FINAL	Apr 2027	Finalists' intensive pitch training
FINAL	First week of May 2027	GRAND FINAL AND AWARDS — live demo to an independent jury, investors and government leaders

Date discrepancy, stated plainly: the official page's timeline module says registration closes in January 2027, while its own FAQ says December 2026. Both are shown above. Treat December as the safe deadline and register early.

Submissions: an AI-agent prototype, a pitch deck and a demo video — all in English. Semifinalists and finalists receive the Tech Accelerator Programme, pitch training and mentorship; prior editions also granted finalists direct entry to Oraseya Capital's Launchpad.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Four lanes. Topic choice is free — any industry or sector. The categories are the lenses, not a theme list.

Category	Focus areas
■ Best Societal AI Agent	Positive social impact — social cohesion, inclusion, education, sustainability, resilience; positive change in Dubai and beyond.
■ Best Personal AI Agent	Daily life — health and wellbeing, productivity, time management, personal decision-making; simpler, smarter, more manageable.
■ Best Business AI Agent	Public- and private-sector organizations — workflows, services, operations, decision-making, customer experience, with measurable value.
■ Best Youth AI Agent	Best youth-led venture — lead applicant under 21 at registration; team entries must be youth-led.

Where submissions read strongest

Analysis of judge alignment — contextual guidance, not an official theme list

Strong themes (analysis)
Agentic delivery of government services — mirrors Dubai's directive to move 50% of government sectors/services to Agentic AI within two years.
SME productivity and cash flow — the Chamber's own agenda; collections, procurement, compliance deadlines.
Unified, proactive citizen onboarding — echoes the unified digital services directive (housing, utilities, schooling).
Arabic-first, multilingual experiences — regional relevance is an immediate differentiator.
Health adherence and care coordination — last cycle's App of the Year was won here; the agentic upgrade is open.
Sustainability and food rescue — explicit focus area inside the Societal category.

Entry rules

From the official participation conditions

1. **Original work** — the AI agent must not be copied or taken from an existing repository.
2. **Stage** — idea, prototype or early MVP only; not already a fully commercialized solution.
3. **Data protection** — the solution must protect personal, confidential and organizational data and prevent information leakage.
4. **Materials** — prototype, pitch deck and demo video, submitted in English only.
5. **Teams** — maximum 6 members; each member registers individually during the registration stage.
6. **Training** — participation in workshops and mentorship is recommended but not mandatory; multiple submissions allowed.

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Sources: official championship page (retrieved 12 October 2026) · Business Wire launch release, 8 October 2026 · Entrepreneur Middle East coverage of the prior Create Apps Championship. Figures are as stated by the organizers.