

# Dopper Changemaker Challenge for students



Sign up as a student. Graduate a changemaker.

Every year, over 8 million tons of plastic waste end up in our oceans.\* And there's about 150 million tons of plastic waste already in there.\*\* We have to make a change. And you can be a changemaker. This year, Dopper is organising the third edition of the Dopper Changemaker Challenge. If you're a Bachelor or a Master student and are graduating on a topic that relates to clean water or plastic waste solutions, the Challenge allows you to win a €5,000 research grant and training to put your idea into practice! The application deadline is April 12, 2019.

For inspiration and practical tools to get started, you're also invited to the **Kickoff Event** at Impact Hub Amsterdam on March 14, from 7 PM until 10 PM!



"We collect plastic from rivers and canals with a bottom-up bubble stream"

- Saskia Studer, Great Bubble Barrier



"Wasteboards makes unique & handcrafted skateboards from used bottle caps"

- Jonathan Morrison, Wasteboards



"We remove the water content from household products to transform transport & packaging"

- Mirjam de Bruijn, Twenty

## Dopper Changemaker Challenge

Dopper believes that research and education can make the difference in finding solutions for crystal-clear waters – without plastic. In order to accelerate the development of sustainable solutions, Dopper organises the Changemaker Challenge: a competition that kickstarts the careers of students whose graduation projects or theses can solve clean drinking water and plastic waste issues. This year, the competition takes place in four countries at the same time: the Netherlands, the UK, Germany and Nepal.

### Important dates

- 14 March: **Kickoff Event** at Impact Hub Amsterdam
- 12 April: Submission deadline
- 23 April: The jury selects 20 semi-finalists
- 29 May: Pitch training bootcamp
- 15 & 16 June: Finals

### How does it work?

You enter with your graduation idea, be it for a project or a thesis. In each country, the ideas will be judged by a team of experts on clean water and/or plastic waste. The prize is a €5,000 research grant, valuable network connections, a pitch to potential investors, PR support and, of course, the title, *Dopper Changemaker 2019!*

### About Dopper

Dopper is all about crystal-clear water. In every ocean, from every tap. But our world's water sources are threatened. Every year, 8 million tons of plastic make their way into our oceans. This is not helped by the 1 million single-use water bottles being purchased worldwide every minute. Not cool. We can do better.

That's why Dopper makes reusable water bottles, with a unique design and devised from the Cradle-to-Cradle concept. But we don't stop there. We provide and promote (clean) tap water and challenge the throwaway lifestyle. All of our projects, from awareness campaigns to partnerships, are 100% focused on our mission.

*Drink tap water. Stop plastic pollution. Smile at strangers.*

### About Impact Hub Amsterdam

Impact Hub Amsterdam is part of the fast-growing global Impact Hub network of impact entrepreneurs and innovators with more than 17,000 members in over 100 cities around the world, ranging from Caracas to San Francisco, Amsterdam to Manila. We build impact ecosystems to solve societal issues through entrepreneurial solutions, particularly in the areas of food, plastics, circularity and a healthy society.

*Our aim: Accelerate the transition towards a new economy that works for all.*

\* Dopper.com

\*\* World Economic Forum

