



# Competition Format

## Important Notices

To be eligible to compete in BIUCAC 2026, you must be one of the following-

As of 30 October 2025 you must be one of the following to be eligible to compete in BIUCAC 2026 -

1. An undergraduate law student at a Non-Russell Group University in the UK or an undergraduate law student at a university in Ireland (excluding Trinity College Dublin) provided that this is your first degree (i.e. you have not completed a previous degree); or

2. A law graduate from a Non Russell Group University in the UK or a law graduate from a university in Ireland (excluding Trinity College Dublin) provided that you graduated in 2025 or 2026; or

3. A graduate (excluding Economics or Business Based Studies) from a Non-Russell Group University in the UK or a graduate (excluding Economics or Business Studies) from a university in Ireland (excluding Trinity College Dublin) provided that you graduated in 2025 or 2026 and you are undertaking a Post Graduate Diploma in Law in 2026; and you have not secured a training contract .

You must register via the BIUCAC webpage to compete in BIUCAC 2026: [www.biucac.com](http://www.biucac.com)

Please read the competition rules set out on the BIUCAC website as we, the BIUCAC committee, operate on the assumption that you, the contestant, have read and understood these rules. Failure to abide by those rules may result in your disqualification and may result in the rescission of your prize.

If you require a time extension for medical reasons, you must submit your request to [diversity.biucac@gmail.com](mailto:diversity.biucac@gmail.com) by no later than 14:59:59 on 28 October. Only one submission needs to be submitted for the entire competition. Do not submit more than once.

If you encounter any urgent difficulties during the competition, please inform us at [info@biucac.com](mailto:info@biucac.com) as soon as possible.

## Executive Summary

BIUCAC 2026 consists of five rounds: Round 1, Round 2, Round 3, Round 4 and Round 5. The first four rounds are conducted online, while Round 5 is conducted in person in London.

For the first two Rounds, only the top 50% of contestants progress to the next round. The top 50% of contestants will progress to Round 3a. For Round 3b, only the top 100 students will participate.

For Round 4, only the top 60 performing contestants in Round 3b will progress onto this round. For Round 5, only the top 24 performing contestants in Round 4 will progress onto this

round. For the Grand Final of Round 5, only the top 6 performing contestants in the Semi-Final of Round 5 will progress on to this round.

All judges in Round 3(B) will be committee members of the 2026 BIUCAC Committee  
All judges in Round 4(B) and Round 5 will be partners from sponsoring law firms of BIUCAC and Mr. Denis Viskovich.

## Competition Timeline

Round 1 of BIUCAC 2026: 26 October, 19:00 — 19:14 (GMT)

Round 2 of BIUCAC 2026: 27 October, 19:00 — 19:12 (GMT)

Round 3(A) of BIUCAC 2026: 28 October, 19:00 — 19:10 (GMT)

Round 3(B) of BIUCAC 2026: 1 November, 16:00 — 17:00 (GMT)

Round 4(A) of BIUCAC 2026: 9 November, 19:00 — 19:10 (GMT)

Round 4(B) of BIUCAC 2026: 11 November, 13:00 — 15:00 (GMT)

Round 5 of BIUCAC 2026: 25 November, 10:00 — 20:00 (GMT)

## Rounds 1 and 2

Round 1 is a 30 multiple-choice question quiz conducted via Google Forms at 19:00 (GMT) on 26 October. You will be given 14 minutes to complete the quiz. Your score in Round 1 is worth 100% of your overall score for Round 1.

Only the top 50% of contestants competing in Round 1 will progress to Round 2. Round 2 is a 30 multiple-choice question quiz conducted via Google Forms at 19:00 (GMT) on 27 October. You will be given 12 minutes to complete the quiz. Your score in Round 2 is worth 100% of your overall score for Round 2.

Only the top 50% of contestants competing in Round 2 will progress onto Round 3.

## Round 3

Round 3 is a 30 multiple-choice question quiz conducted via Google Forms at 19:00 (GMT) on 28 October. You will be given 10 minutes to complete the quiz. Your score in Round 3 is worth 100% of your overall score for Round 3.

Round 3a is a 30 multiple-choice question quiz conducted via Google Forms at 19:00 (GMT) on 28 October. You will be given 10 minutes to complete the quiz.

The top 100 performing students will progress to Round 3b. Round 3b takes place live via Zoom at 16:00 (GMT) on 1 November. Round 3b is a short presentation on a commercial case study (with questions) which is followed by a round of quickfire questions. The case study and topics for the quickfire questions will be given in advance.

## Round 4

Only the top 60 to 70 contestants competing in Round 3b will progress to Round 4. Round 4 is conducted online via both Google Forms and Zoom. This round consists of two parts: Part A and Part B. If you progress onto Round 4, you will be sent via your personal email a contestant confirmation form which you must fill out by no later than the deadline specified in the email.

A more detailed overview of Round 4 will be provided to contestants who progress onto this round.

### Round 4: Part A

Part A of Round 4 is a 20 multiple-choice question quiz conducted via Google Forms at 19:00 (GMT) on 9 November. You will be given 10 minutes to complete the quiz. Some of the questions in this quiz will be math-based and require the use of a calculator. Your score in Part A is worth 20% of your overall score for Round 4.

### Round 4: Part B

Part B of Round 4 is a virtual presentation conducted via Zoom at 13:00 (GMT) on 11 November. You will be given 12 minutes to answer four short and four long questions in front of two judges. This will be followed by answering a few short follow-up questions from the judges. The amount of time you spend on answering each question is at your discretion. The topics on which the questions are based will be provided to you one week in advance of Part B of Round 4. Your score in Part B is worth 80% of your overall score for Round 4.

## The Formula for Calculating Scores

The mathematical formula used to calculate your overall score in the semi-Final is as

follows:

$(\text{Score in Part A} \cdot 20\%) + (\text{Score in Part B} \cdot 80\%) = \text{Overall Score in Round 4}$

## Round 5

Only the top 24 performing contestants in Round 4 will progress onto Round 5. Round 5 will be conducted in person at the London office of Travers Smith from 10:00 (GMT) to 20:00 (GMT) on 25 November. This round consists of two stages: the Semi-Final and the Grand Final. If you progress onto Round 5, you will be sent via your personal email a contestant confirmation form which you must fill out by no later than the deadline specified in the email.

A more detailed overview of Round 5 will be provided to contestants who progress onto this Round.

### Round 5: Semi-Final

The Semi-Final of Round 5 consists of two parts: Part A and Part B.

#### Semi-Final: Part A

Part A of the Semi-Final consists of two exercises: a client pitch exercise and a negotiation exercise. For these two exercises, you will randomly be allocated into a team of three contestants – however, you will be judged as individuals. You and your team will be given the client pitch and negotiation exercise fact sheet on the day and 45 minutes to prepare for both exercises.

Your score in Part A is worth 40% of your overall score for the Semi-Final.

#### Semi-Final: Part A – Client Pitch Exercise

This exercise involves you and your team acting as representatives of a law firm, delivering a pitch to a client in front of two judges. You and your team will be given 10 minutes to deliver a client pitch. Your score in this exercise is worth 10% of your total score for the Semi-Final.

#### Semi-Final: Part A – Negotiation Exercise

This exercise involves you and your team acting as legal representatives of a client, negotiating against another team representing a different client. Both your team and your opponents will be given 20 minutes to negotiate in front of two judges. Your score in this exercise is worth 30% of your total score for the Semi-Final.

## Semi-Final: Part B

Part B of the Semi-Final is an in-person presentation. You will be given 10 minutes to answer one of two questions in front of two judges. This will be followed by a 4-minute session where you will be asked follow-up questions by the judges. The two questions will be provided to you one week in advance of Part B of the Semi-Final. Your score in Part B is worth 60% of your overall score for the Semi-Final.

## The Formula for Calculating Scores

The mathematical formula used to calculate your overall score in the semi-Final is as follows:

$(\text{Client Pitch} \cdot 10\%) + (\text{Negotiation} \cdot 30\%) + (\text{Part B, Semi-Final} \cdot 60\%) = \text{Overall Semi-Final Score}$

## Round 5: Grand-Final

Only the top 6 performing contestants in the Semi-Final will progress to the Grand Final. The Grand Final is a presentation on a fictitious commercial case scenario. You will be given 10 minutes to deliver your presentation in front of three judges, including the chief judge, Mr Denis Viskovich. This will be followed by a 5-minute session where you will be asked follow-up questions by the judges. The fictitious commercial case scenario will be provided to you one week in advance of Part B of Round 4.

Winners of the various prizes will be revealed after the conclusion of the Grand Final. You can view a list of the prizes at [www.biucac.com](http://www.biucac.com)