



## Ready, Set, Innovate! Invention Challenge

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Individual innovators and teams of up to four innovators may apply in grades K-12 (or the equivalent).
2. Innovators/Teams will complete a registration form, detailing their invention story and provide a 2-3 minute (maximum length) video about their invention. [Video submission guidance](#).
3. Innovators will be evaluated and awarded in grade bands: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. If a team consists of inventors from different grades, the team will be evaluated and scored at the highest grade level registered within their team. Example - If a team consists of 3 inventors, 2 inventors are in grade 8 and 1 inventor is in grade 10, the team will be evaluated and scored alongside other 10th graders.
4. Each team member must read, and understand, the terms and conditions set forth in the competition rules & regulations. Registration of a team results in the agreement that the team will abide by all rules and follow the Code of Civility (detailed below).
5. The invention must be original work. The invention may include elements and components created by others, as long as the proper credit is given.
6. The competition is open to international participants.
7. Participants who have competed in the past may compete again as long as they meet these eligibility requirements.
8. Participants may submit more than one entry. A separate online registration form and entry fee is required for each invention entered.
9. Participants in this Challenge are aware and agree to pay a one-time, non-refundable entry fee of \$25 for an individual innovator and \$50 for a team. This fee applies for each invention submitted.
10. If participants are opting to submit an innovation similar to what was submitted in a previous year, the entry must have made significant advancements or changes over the prior years' work.
11. Innovators/Teams must have completed their online entry registration and paid their non-refundable entry fee by the posted registration deadline to be considered eligible to participate.

### ENTRIES

1. This section refers to all entries by the innovator or team for consideration of the Ready, Set, Innovate Challenge. This includes, but is not limited to, the Pitch Video, Display Materials and Prototype/Model, Registration.
2. All submissions must be in English.
3. Invention entries may be in any category, serving any industry, audience or end user.
4. Submission Video:
  - a. If a team enters, and the students have the means to record teams together via skype, zoom, or another technology, they are welcome to create a video with some or all team members together.
  - b. If teams do not have the ability to record together, they are welcome to select a member of the team to represent all members.
  - c. Students should work as a team, where possible, to identify what is important to have on the video. Here is a link to Competition Video Guidance for more information: <https://innovationworld.org/wp-content/uploads/Ready-Set-Innovate-Video-Guidance.pdf>. Where possible, teammates should help the student who will be on the video by letting them run through (practice) what they will say over the phone before recording. At the beginning of the video, the person speaking should provide their name and the name of all teammates representing the invention.

5. All elements submitted by the individual or team must be entirely the work of the innovator or team. Parents/Teachers may help guide the students but may not create any of the submitted elements or provide excessive influence on the concept, design or final product.
6. The submission and/or presentation may not disclose any third-party intellectual property or violate any existing copyright protections.
7. Submissions may not copy or use other materials without properly citing the source. Proper citation includes the standard information of a scientific citation, including authors, publication source, dates, volume, pages or URL information.
8. The basic information (team member names, team product, team location or school) for any innovators completing or named as Finalists will be posted publicly on the Innovation World website and shared via social media and on Innovation World partners websites and social media.
9. It is the responsibility of each innovator/team to determine how much information about their concept is publicly disclosed. All information shared at through the Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge should be considered publicly disclosed.
10. Innovation World and their partners reserve the right to use basic team information, photos and submitted through the Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge to promote current and future Innovation World challenges. The Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge is sponsored by different companies and organizations that may be able to offer valuable benefits to the teams participating. Innovation World may share innovator's contact information, contest submissions with a sponsor, in confidence, for the purpose of allowing the sponsor to contact the innovator/team regarding a potentially valuable benefit or service, or for the purpose of deciding whether to grant an award to the innovator/team. By submitting materials to the Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge, teams give the Innovation World permission to share their contact information, contest submissions, with sponsors in confidence for this purpose.
11. Award winners will be required to provide their address if necessary for the delivery of awards, certificates and/or cash prizes.

## COMMUNITY CODE OF CIVILITY

As part of our commitment to making the Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge, its "Site" ([www.innovationworld.org](http://www.innovationworld.org)) and all Innovation World social media channels a great place to meet and interact with others around the world who have a passion and commitment to science, technology, engineering, math, innovation and entrepreneurship, you agree to abide by this Code of Civility. By participating on the Site and social media community, you give your commitment to abide by this Code when contributing to all Innovation World resources and programs, including, but not limited to, profiles, team pages, forums, chats, posts and comments, emails, social media sources, etc. ("Communication Services"), and to help create a positive experience for all the community's users.

We reserve the right in our sole discretion to eject or ban any user from participating in the Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge, the Site or social media community who behaves in a manner deemed inappropriate or offensive, or who violates the guidelines of this Code of Civility. Innovation World and its partners and service providers are not responsible for any user-created content or other activities.

### Honest Communication

As a general matter, all contributions are expected to:

Be in compliance to this Code of Civility

Be accurate (where they state facts)

Be genuinely held (where they state opinions)

Be in compliance with applicable law in the United States and in any country from which they are posted

### Respect Yourself and Others

We require that all Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge participants treat each other with respect. Any use of the Communication Services to threaten, harass, stalk or abuse others participating in these services is unacceptable and is strictly forbidden.

We reserve the right to remove posts that advocate or encourage expressions of violence, bullying, general cruelty, bigotry, racism, illegal activity, hatred or profanity. This includes postings that are deemed inappropriate, offensive or that violate guidelines in the Terms of Service or this Code of Civility.

Falsely impersonating a Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge or Innovation World employee, agent, manager, host, or any other person other than yourself, is forbidden.

#### **Protect Your Privacy**

We caution you against sharing unnecessary personally identifiable information (such as social security numbers, credit card numbers and driver license numbers) online, which may be inadvertently obtained by others or, in rare instances, used for illegal or harmful purposes. Talk to your coach, parent or the Innovation World staff if you have a question or concern.

#### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

Innovation World continuously addresses issues of diversity and multiculturalism and is committed to engaging in actions that create inclusive communities, increased diversity and the elimination of discrimination. Innovation World prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, gender identity or expression in all of its programs and activities.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY AND PATENTS**

When you conceive, design and create an innovative product as part of the Ready, Set, Innovate! Challenge, you are creating intellectual property that belongs to you. When you start work on your product, you should think about whether you want to try and protect your intellectual property through patents or confidentiality agreements. You may want to share your ideas with the public at large and decide not to seek any special legal protections for them. The choice is up to you. You should bear in mind, however, that investors and/or licensing agents usually consider whether the intellectual property in an innovative product has been kept confidential or claimed in a patent application, in deciding whether to invest in efforts to commercialize the product.

You can find information regarding the process and requirements for filing a patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's website, [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov).

If you have any questions about the value or procedures for filing a patent application, we encourage you to consult your own patent attorney or agent who can give you advice tailored to your particular product. Unfortunately, because of the number of submissions we receive, Innovation World cannot provide you any specific advice regarding whether to file a patent application.

#### **READY, SET, INNOVATE! CHALLENGE RELEASE AGREEMENT**

**successors and assigns to make use of my appearance during the event.** I authorize Innovation World and its partners to use, in whole or in part, my name, likeness, image, voice, video entry and to tape and photograph me, and record my voice, movements, conversation and sounds, including any technical presentations and the performance of any musical composition(s), during and in connection with my appearance in Program. I agree that Innovation World and its partners shall be the exclusive owner of their respective results and proceeds of such taping, video streaming, photography and recording with the right, throughout the world, an unlimited number of times in perpetuity, to copyright, to use and to license others to use, in any manner, all or any portion thereof or of a reproduction thereof in connection with the Program or otherwise, including use for education and outreach purposes. For purposes of clarity, I expressly waive any and all moral rights I may have in connection with my participation/appearance.

I further agree that Innovation World and its partners may use and license others to use my name, voice, likeness and any biographical material concerning me, in any and all media and in the promotion, advertising, publicizing and exploitation of the Program in connection with the Program and in connection with Innovation World's affiliated services, throughout the world in all media, an unlimited number of times in perpetuity. I further represent that any statements made by me during my appearance are true, to the best of my knowledge, and that neither they nor my appearance will violate or infringe upon the rights of any third party.

I hereby waive any right of inspection or approval of my appearance or the uses to which such appearance may be put. I acknowledge that Innovation World will rely on this permission potentially, at substantial cost to Innovation World, and hereby agree not to revoke this release or to assert any claim or any nature whatsoever against anyone relating to the exercise of the permissions granted here-under.