10TH ANNUAL IMAGINEERING COMPETITION KICKOFF
October 2023
ABOUT THE COMPETITION

This competition is designed to reinforce the ideals of creating the Societal Engineer by giving students the opportunity to express their creativity and entrepreneurial capabilities on ideas that impact people and society. The competition provides a framework where interested undergraduate and graduate students can, individually or as a team, create and enter an original project in the competition.
PRIZES FOR THE COMPETITION

1st Prize
$3,000

2nd Prize
$1,500

Best in Class
$250, awarded to best project from each undergraduate class, categorized by team leader’s year group
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• Open to all undergraduate and graduate students, individually or in teams. There needs to be at least one engineering student on the team. Leveraging the abilities of students from other BU colleges and schools is appropriate and highly encouraged.

• Projects can be started at any time during the 2023-2024 academic year. Competition applications/entrance forms must be submitted by April 1st.

• Interested participants can email silab@bu.edu with any specific questions.
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• Projects will be judged by the Competition Committee on April 11th and 12th.

• Participants will be notified of exact time of their presentation the week prior. Students should generate their own project ideas. All intellectual property will be maintained by the student participant(s). No senior projects can be submitted to the competition. Projects assigned as part of any course or research done in a faculty member’s lab are not eligible.
• SILab will also maintain a list of names of people who wish to be part of a team but have not formed one, as well as a list of teams looking for additional members. Email silab@bu.edu if you would like to be added to either list. This will allow students the opportunity to work on a team without having to find other interested individuals on their own.

• Projects can address any challenge but are particularly encouraged in areas at the intersection of global technologies for the developing world, climate change, security/cybersecurity, and pandemic prevention/mitigation.
COMPETITION PROJECT REVIEW FORMAT

• A short presentation (15 minutes) is required to showcase your project to the Competition Committee. Non-confidential presentations may be open to the general public or livestreamed.

• A short question and answer period by the Competition Committee will follow your presentation.
COMPETITION PROJECT REVIEW KEY ELEMENTS

• Originality, ingenuity, and creativity of project
• Challenge addressed
• Quality of design and purpose of prototype
• Build/assembly process
• Functionality of project
• Description of potential societal and market impact
COMPETITION RESOURCES

• SILab is available for your team to use. The SILab Manager and Advisors can answer questions and assist your team with equipment needs.

• Materials and parts that are not normally stocked in SILab can be requested by emailing silab@bu.edu. Each team can request up to $50 in materials.

• BTEC and EPIC are also potential resources. For additional questions email btec@bu.edu or epicinfo@bu.edu.

• Should the need arise, we may be able to appoint a faculty member as an advisor.
PAST WINNING PROJECTS

2023 Competition Winners: Noah Jones and Tiaan Spies for their Creative Arm for Robotic Learning (CARL)
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2019 Competition Winner: Justin Fiaschetti for Blue Life, a portable, hand-crank-powered water purifier that uses UVc LED lights to purify water
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2018 Competition Winners: Brendon Bourgea, Jon Hale and David van Daalen Wetters for their vertical-axis wind turbine
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2017 Competition Winner: Summer Mundon for Marsh, a smartphone app controlled autonomous hydroponics system that can be used to grow a variety of plants.
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2015 Competition Winners: Mehmet Akbulut and Evan Lowell for Cithara, their guitar playing robot
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2014 Competition Winners: Timothy Chong, Luke Sorenson, John Moore, Nick Sorenson, and Barron Roth for Downtyme, an app that makes it easier for college students and other overscheduled people to get together offline.
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2012 Competition Winner: David Harris for a sounding rocket that could be used to take measurements and perform scientific experiments in suborbital flight
HAVE YOUR TEAM ALREADY?

Sign up now with this google form:
https://forms.gle/6HVJNCb6HywJt8CP9
THANK YOU!

If you have any questions, please ask now or email silab@bu.edu

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR IMAGINEERING!