Innovate Challenge

Innovate Challenge is an OHSU student idea competition, intended for student-led concepts or technologies. Participants receive individualized training and mentorship for the duration of the competition to develop their pitch and innovation, compete to win prizes, and advance to the InventOR Statewide Collegiate Finals.

WHO SHOULD ENROLL?
• Any OHSU student who has an idea or would like to learn more about innovation and entrepreneurship

WHY SHOULD YOU ENROLL?
• Win up to $25k in prizes
• Learn to effectively communicate your science to the public and learn business presentation skills
• Gain practical experience developing your innovation, pitch, and prototyping – a great resume builder!

ENROLLING A PROJECT
Students and projects from all disciplines are welcome, no prior experience necessary. Registration is open annually from September through March; we encourage you to register early to receive the full benefits of the competition.

COMPETITION ADVANCEMENT

- Guided Training & Mentorship
- Innovate Challenge Pitch Competition
- PSU’s Lab2Market Weekend
- InventOR Statewide Finals

• Two teams advance, win $500 prototyping grant each
• One team advances, wins $2000 prototyping grant
• Chance to win up to $25,000 in prizes

PROGRAM CONTACTS
To learn more or schedule a consult, please contact:

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REGISTRATION
Registration is currently closed and will re-open September 2019.

INNOVATE CHALLENGE SEMI-FINALS
April 2020

INVENTOR STATEWIDE FINALS
June 2020
InventOR Website

ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/octri
EXPECTATIONS AND RESOURCES

- Participants will receive individualized mentorship and training to develop their innovation throughout the competition.

- Mentors will be matched with participating teams based on background expertise and personalized team needs, and will include guidance from the Executives-in-Residence Program offered by OHSU's Technology Transfer and Business Development (TTBD) office.

- Participants are expected to complete an Invention Disclosure. This form allows TTBD to understand the nature of your invention to better assist you in developing and/or protecting your intellectual property.

- Teams of 2+ are required to advance to the InventOR finals; Innovate Challenge does not require teams to participate.

- A physical prototype is required to compete in the InventOR finals; Innovate Challenge is solely a pitch competition and does not require a prototype.