

CAST 2019 Global Innovation Summit CAST Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition

October 11-13, 2019

Do you want to find an opportunity to apply your knowledge and skills to real challenges? Do you want to receive professional opinions regarding your new ideas and projects? Do you want to make new friends and contacts in your field?

Then make your plans now to participate in the CAST Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition at the 2019 Global Innovation Summit (Summit) on October 11-13 in Pittsburgh, PA, hosted by Chinese Association for Science and Technology-Pittsburgh Chapter (CAST-P).

The focuses of the summit include:

- Overview of the development of science and technology with technology commercialization as one of the focuses of the Summit,
- Connection of the Summit with the economic development in the Greater Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, other parts of the United States, and,
- Science and technology discussions among the members, and with the technology leaders from local businesses as well as investors.

The competition at this Summit provides a good platform for teams or individuals who are interested in pursuing an entrepreneurial opportunity to build relationships with the related companies, business incubators, and investors at the Greater Pittsburgh Region, in the United States, and in China as well.

Competition Requirements

- The competition includes six specified fields. (See the Application Form for Details.)
 - Information Technology (IT) & the Internet of things (IoT)
 - Biomedical & Health Sciences
 - Advanced Manufacturing
 - Energy, Material, & Environmental Sciences
 - Education, Culture, & Recreation
 - Smart Agriculture
- This competition is open to all innovation and entrepreneurship projects with no restrictions on competitor's nationality.
The competitors may participate either as individuals, or teams, or an enterprising entity.
- The core members of the participating projects must be the legal proprietor of the key intellectual property of the technology of the project, or the only legally authorized user of the key technology of the participating projects.
- All project proposals/business plans and PPT files should be written in English. Chinese notation could be added if necessary.

Important Dates

- Call for Entry: July 1 – August 31, 2019, online
 - Entries can be made formally by submitting the application form in full, project proposal, and supporting documents via the Competition's official website: <http://www.castp.org>

- Project Review: September 1 – 15, 2019
 - During this stage, the judge panel will carry out careful evaluations of the entire online submission pool and select 14-18 projects as the finalists.
- Final: October 11, 2019, Pittsburgh, PA
 - The finalists will be invited to the Summit at Pittsburgh to give an oral presentation and to provide an onsite defense and a comprehensive panel inquiry of their projects.

Venue of the Final (the Summit)

- Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown: 600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

Competition Process

- The competition will include two stages. First, the 14-18 finalists of the projects will be selected online by a panel of judges as the finalists. Second, the finalists will give a presentation at the Summit.
- Based on the outcome of the final contest, the Competition will present 1 First Prize, 3 Second Prizes, and 5 Third Prizes. There will also be three special prizes honoring Outstanding Tech Innovation projects, Outstanding Market Potential projects, and Outstanding Social Benefit projects respectively. Individuals or teams that received the above prizes will also be granted the non-cash Outstanding Service Resource Awards issued by local enterprises.
 - 1 First Prize: \$3,000
 - 3 Second Prizes: \$1,000 each
 - 5 Third Prizes: \$500 each
 - 3 Special Prizes: \$500 each
- The Competition judge panel consists of well-established entrepreneurs, experienced experts, and venture capitalists.
- Each finalist project will receive ONE free admission to the Summit for ONE person. And each non-local team of the finalist projects will also receive ONE free hotel room for ONE night.
- Those who have made to the finalists will have the opportunity to receive on-site feedback from professional experts.
- Individuals or teams that received the above prizes will also be granted the non-cash Outstanding Service Resource Awards issued by local enterprises.
- The prize winners will be invited to the matchmaking event to meet with venture capital firms and business incubators.

Submission Information and Contact

2019 Summit website: <http://www.castp.org>

Questions? Contact CASTP at castp.communications@gmail.com. Please use the “2019 Innovation Competition” as the email subject.

Confidentiality and Legal Issues

- The documents submitted will be only utilized for purposes of the Competition and to comply with the law, and will be kept confidential.
- The participants of the competition are responsible for the authenticity of the submitted technologies and their associated documents, and must sign an agreement for Competition entry which further delineates the terms of participation.
- Plagiarism in any form is intolerable during and after the Competition. Any participating projects with plagiarism issues will be immediately banned from participation at any stage, without recompense. Participants with plagiarism issues will be asked to return all prize money and badges. The participants of the competition will bear all legal responsibility for intellectual property disputes relating to their entry.