



Global Innovation through
Science and Technology

TECH-I COMPETITION 2014

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I. Competition Snapshot

Competition Launched	June 10, 2014
Application Deadline	July 21, 2014
How to Apply	Upload an Executive Summary and 90 second promotional video to the GIST Tech-I website
General Criteria	An idea or start-up science and technology product, research, or service with commercial potential in the areas of Agriculture, Energy, Health, or Information Communication Technology (ICT)
Basic Eligibility	Scientists, entrepreneurs, researchers, or innovators who are citizens of a GIST eligible country in Africa, Asia, the Middle East & Turkey, or Latin America and are not permanent residents or citizens of the U.S.
Awards	Mentorship (30 finalists) Individual Grant Awards AAAS Memberships
Full Instructions and Information	Visit the GIST Tech-I website

II. GIST Initiative and Tech-I Background

The Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) initiative operates at the intersection of science and technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship to empower individual scientists and innovators and to strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems. GIST equips young men and women around the world with the skills they need to become successful entrepreneurs and leaders who turn ideas into new ventures that transform their communities. GIST identifies and supports promising young entrepreneurs through competitions, skills development, networking, and interactive mentorship.

The GIST Technology Idea (Tech-I) competition is a yearly competition for science and technology entrepreneurs from around the world. Aspiring innovators pitch their ideas online, and the global voting public and experts choose thirty entries to receive an all-expense paid trip to the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES), this year in Morocco, to showcase their ventures and to receive intensive training. GIST Tech-I winners, selected by experts at the GES, win mini-grants, and receive one-on-one mentorship and training.

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The U.S. Department of State uses science to advance U.S. foreign policy and to foster a global environment where invention, innovation, and industry thrive. It engages foreign partners on science policy issues that support open, transparent, and meritocratic systems of governance, executes public diplomacy programs that promote the value of science to the general public, and implements capacity building programs that train young men and women to become entrepreneurs.

AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*, which has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world. Founded in 1848, AAAS has some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. The AAAS is a not-for-profit organization, which is open to all and fulfills its mission to "advance science, engineering and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people" through initiatives in science policy, international programs, science education, and more.

To find out more about the GIST Initiative, please visit www.gistinitiative.org.

For more information on the GIST Tech-I competition, please visit www.aaas.org/tech-i.

For more information about the U.S. Department of State, please visit www.state.gov.

For more information about AAAS, please visit www.aaas.org.

III. Scope of GIST Tech-I Competition

AAAS invites all eligible participants from GIST eligible countries to participate in the annual GIST Tech-I Competition. Details regarding GIST eligible countries can be found in Appendix A to this document and on the GIST Tech-I website (www.aaas.org/tech-i). The Tech-I Competition is designed to encourage and support technology and science entrepreneurs to launch and/or grow a company through:

- Training and mentorship with successful entrepreneurs, scientists, angel investors, and venture capitalists;
- Networking opportunities; and
- Access to capital.

Each Tech-I application, consisting of an Executive Summary and a promotional video (lasting no longer than 90 seconds) of the product or service, will be reviewed by one of the sixteen expert review panels convened by AAAS. Each panel will be responsible for one of the four subject areas (Agriculture, Energy, Health, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in one of the four main GIST regions (Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America) and will consist of regional experts, scientific and technical experts, and innovation and entrepreneurship experts.

The panels will select semi-finalists, who will have their videos posted online for public voting. Thirty finalists, selected based on merit and public voting figures, will be invited to the 2014 Tech-I Finals at the 2014 GES in Morocco. Immediately prior to the GES, all finalists will receive two days of training in Morocco with AAAS, the Department of State, and a team of trainers and mentors. As part of the GES, the finalists will make their final pitches, in one of two classifications: Idea Stage entries and Startup Stage entries, which will be judged by expert panels. Tech-I winners will include the top three Idea Stage entries, the top three Startups entries, Best Female Entrepreneur, Most Potential for Social Impact, and Honorable Mentions. Up to \$70,000 USD in grant funding will be awarded, with individual awards available including non-monetary awards and monetary awards of up to a maximum of \$15,000 USD.



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IV. GIST Tech-I Eligibility

Competition applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the 2014 GIST Tech-I Competition:

- 1) Tech-I application must be written in English, and the video must be in English or with English subtitles;
- 2) All applications must focus on science or technology solutions with market potential in one of four sectors: Agriculture, Energy, Health, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT);
- 3) Teams and individuals may only enter the competition once;
- 4) For a team application, each team must select one member who will be the applicant for the team in the competition. This member does not have to occupy a particular position on the team, (i.e. CEO) however their role and responsibilities within the team must be documented in the application. The selected member is hereafter referred to as the applicant;
- 5) The applicant must be a citizen of a GIST eligible country **and** not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.;
- 6) Each applicant must choose to enter the competition as either an Idea Stage or Startup Stage classification based on the following criteria:

Idea Stage	Startup Stage
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The entrepreneur has research or a technology with commercialization potential and is willing to start a business.- The entrepreneur has started thinking about the qualifications of the management team necessary to execute the idea.- The entrepreneur has started to identify advisors.- The entrepreneur has started market research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Venture is for-profit and less than three years old from date of launching startup.- Product or service is currently in a testing or pilot stage and not yet available for commercial release.- Venture is either self-funded (revenue) or has external financing (either from public or private sources).

- 7) The applicant must be between the ages of 18-40 years old on 21 July 2014 (application deadline), and able to both read and speak English proficiently;
- 8) The applicant should be ready and available to present their idea or startup during the GES in Morocco in the final quarter of 2014. These dates have yet to be confirmed. This information will be updated and available on the GIST Tech-I website;
- 9) The applicant must hold a valid passport and be eligible to travel to Morocco to participate in the training days and GES if selected as a finalist;
- 10) All awards will be granted to the applicant only;
- 11) All award winners of the GIST Tech-I Competition must have access to or the ability to obtain a bank account that is able to accept wire transfers in order to receive funds;
- 12) Applications that fall under the following categories will not be accepted:
 - Research projects with no demonstrable commercial potential;
 - Teams based at a charity or foundation (not-for-profits) organization;



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- Final award winners from previous GIST Tech-I and I-Dare competitions;
- Teams based at organizations that buy and resell technologies and other goods.

By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to all of the rights, permissions, and terms and conditions as contained in this document. Upon submission, all applications, comprised of the proposal and video, become the property of AAAS and will not be returned to applicants.

All proposals and videos will be screened for compliance immediately following submission. Non-compliant proposals will be rejected from the review process and the applicant will be informed of this action.

V. GIST Tech-I Timeline

GIST Tech-I		Starts	Ends	Milestone
Phase 1	Submission & Training	June 10, 2014	July 21, 2014	Training Webinars will occur during the application period. Applications are submitted (Executive Summary and 90 second video).
Phase 2	Review of Applications & Semi-Finalist selection	July 21, 2014	September 1, 2014	Semifinalists will be selected by 16 expert panels. Results to be announced by September 1, 2014.
Phase 3	Online Voting & Finalist Selection	September 1, 2014	October 1, 2014	Finalists are announced and invited to Morocco for the Tech-I Finals. Results to be announced by October 8, 2014.
Phase 4	Tech-I Finals	TBC	TBC	Finalists will have access to training webinars prior to a 2 day training workshop in Morocco. Finalists will give oral presentations with time for questions with a panel of judges. Winners are selected during the final pitching and are announced during the Award Ceremony.
Phase 5	Mentorship of Finalists	Post GES		All finalists will receive mentorship and a one year AAAS membership.



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VI. Application Instructions

In order to participate in the competition, eligible applicants must submit an application online, which includes a selection of either an Idea Stage or Startup Stage classification. The application should demonstrate the viability of an idea, market potential, and strategy to raise funding and/or generate revenue. The application must contain the following:

1) *Executive Summary*

The Executive Summary narrative must be completed online, not to exceed 750 words, and written in English. It should include the information outlined below. In addition to the Executive Summary narrative, applicants are encouraged to include visuals, such as tables, graphs, and/or photos, to convey additional information or to complement the narrative. No more than 2 attachments will be accepted.

The exact focus of the Executive Summary will depend on the track chosen as explained below:

Describe	Idea Stage	Startup Stage
Significance		
	Explain: (1) The significance of the health, energy, agriculture, or ICT problem to be addressed; (2) The potential impact of the proposed product or service.	Explain: (1) The significance of the health, energy, agriculture, or ICT problem to be addressed; (2) The potential impact of the proposed product or service.
Scientific and Technical Merit		
Innovation	Describe: (1) The degree to which the proposed product or service is novel and innovative; and (2) The degree to which the proposed product or service is competitive relative to current solutions.	Describe: (1) The degree to which the proposed product or service is novel and innovative; and (2) The degree to which the proposed product and/or service is competitive relative to current solutions.
Technical Approach	Explain the science and technological basis for the product or service idea; describe the prototype (if available) and what science and technology work needs to be done.	Explain the science and technological basis for the product or service; characterize prototype performance. What technology risks remain?
Commercial Potential		
Business Strategy	Describe the potential commercial value of the product or service. Describe your market function, and why customers would want the product/service. Describe how you plan to move from idea to startup and how GIST Tech-I funds will be used to catalyze progress.	Describe the potential commercial value of the product or service. Describe your market segment, potential customers, and why they would want the product/service. Describe how you plan to grow your startup and how GIST Tech-I funds will be used to catalyze progress.



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Team	Describe your current or ideal technical and management team (including you). What expertise is needed to move forward?	Describe (i) the capability of the team (including you) to conduct the proposed work; (ii) the leadership structure and management plan. What support/partnerships do you seek or have?
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2) *A 90 Second Promotional Video*

Each application must include a 90 second promotional video, which should highlight the value and purpose of the product or service to customers. The video must be presented by the applicant in English or include English subtitles. The applicant must also be the lead individual in the video.

The video should focus on the concept, product, or service being promoted and its potential market value. Additionally, videos should be both engaging and creative. The use of images, pictures, text, music, animation, or prototypes are actively encouraged.

Videos will be made available to the general public in Phase 3 and therefore, they should not contain any confidential information. AAAS is not responsible for the content of submitted videos.

Videos can be uploaded using the application tool. Formats accepted include .MOV, .MPEG4, .MP4, .AVI, .WMV, .MPEGPS, .FLV, .3GPP, and .WebM.

Applicants are encouraged to view [videos](#) from the GIST Tech-I 2011-2013 finalists. Additional videos produced by entrepreneurs promoting their products can be found at websites such as Indiegogo and Kickstarter.

VII. GIST Tech-I Evaluation Criteria

Each complete application will be reviewed by one of the sixteen convened expert panels comprised of regional experts, scientific and technological experts, and innovation and entrepreneurship experts. The distribution of the expert panels will cover each of the four subject areas and four main GIST regions. For example, there will be an expert panel dedicated to the GIST African Region in Health and another three within the African region for Energy, Agriculture, and ICT. These review expert panels will be required to review all applications within their specific region and subject area and grade and score the applications.

The initial review will assess: the eligibility of the applicant(s); feasibility of the idea/start-up; and the potential societal impact and target market of the idea/startup including a consideration as to what problems the idea solves, what the benefits of such an idea are, and how this product compares to others. The application will be reviewed using the following criteria and percentage weight to evaluate the full application.



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Topic	Idea Stage	Startup Stage
Significance		
	10% Assess: (1) The significance of the health, energy, agriculture, or ICT problem to be addressed; and (2) The potential impact of the proposed product or service.	10% Assess: (1) The significance of the health, energy, agriculture, or ICT problem to be addressed; and (2) The potential impact of the proposed product or service.
Scientific and Technical Merit		
Innovation	20% Assess (1) The degree to which the proposed product or service is novel; and (2) The degree to which the proposed product or service is competitive relative to current solutions.	10% Assess (1) The degree to which the proposed product or service is novel; and (2) The degree to which the proposed product or service is competitive relative to current solutions.
Technical Approach	10% Assess the science and technology basis for the product or service idea. Is the planned approach appropriate?	20% Assess the science and technology basis for the product or service. Is the prototype at an appropriate stage of development? Are there any significant remaining technology risks?
Commercial Potential		
Business Strategy	25% Does the applicant clearly identify a market niche, potential customers, and why they would want the product/service? Are the plans for using Tech-I award funds to move from idea to startup appropriate?	20% Does the applicant clearly articulate market needs, potential customers, their needs, and why they would want the product/service? Are the plans for using Tech-I award funds to grow the startup appropriate?
Team	15% Does the applicant have a clear understanding of the necessary expertise and individual roles to move from idea to startup? Is the described management team and structure appropriate?	20% Assess: (1) The capability of the team to conduct the proposed work; and (2) The leadership structure and management plan. Are plans for future support/partnerships appropriate and achievable?

Promotional Video		
	<p>20% Is the video engaging and appropriate for a broad public audience? Does it express a compelling concept? Does the content convey that the product or service has market potential?</p>	<p>20% Is the video engaging and appropriate for a broad public audience? Does it express a compelling concept? Does the content convey that the product or service has market potential?</p>

Up to 160 Tech-I semi-finalists, with up to ten from each panel, will be selected to include a balance of Idea and Startup stage applications. Once selected, the semi-finalists' videos and Executive Summaries will be posted online for public voting to help determine the Tech-I finalists.

The top 30 Tech-I finalists (totaling 15 Idea and 15 Startup stage applications) will be selected based on the expert panel's scores and the total number of online votes. The top teams will be selected based on expert panel scores (60%) and number of votes (40%). Consideration will be given to ensure equality and diversity including gender of applicant, region, and subject area. Each applicant will be notified by October 8, 2014 whether the applicant is a finalist.

Specific names of expert review panel members will not be made available to applicants or the general public. The total list of reviewer names may be provided in bulk at the conclusion of the competition.

Applicants and their representatives are permitted to contact the AAAS GIST Tech-I team reference their application prior to application deadline, July 21, 2014. Frequently asked questions will be published online for the benefit of all applicants. Due to the high volume of applications, following the review stage and the announcement of the semi-finalists, applicants and their representatives are not permitted to contact AAAS or reviewers regarding the assessment and scoring of an applicant's proposal. Any attempt by an applicant or representative to contact the above mentioned parties may result in proposal disqualification.

VIII. GIST Tech-I Selection Process

Phase 1: Submission: June 10, 2014, to July 21, 2014

A complete Tech-I application consisting of an Executive Summary and a 90 second promotional video must be submitted to the AAAS GIST Tech-I website by July 21, 2014, at 9:00 AM US EDT. Applicants are advised to allow sufficient time prior to the deadline to submit their application. This will ensure timely assistance by AAAS Tech-I program staff if there are technical issues with the submission.

During June and July, potential applicants will be invited to attend trainings webinars where applicants and their teams will be given the opportunity to acquire skills to improve the application (Executive Summary and Video). Applicants who have already submitted their applications prior to the webinar or trainings will be allowed to improve their applications up to the July 21, 2014, deadline.

Phase 2: Review/Semifinalist Selection: July 21, 2014, to September 1, 2014

By September 1, the 16 expert review panels will select up to 160 semi-finalists, based on the evaluation criteria outlined in Section VII.



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Applicants will be notified of the results via email by September 1. Results will also be announced on the Tech-I website (www.aaas.org/tech-i), the GIST website (www.gistinitiative.org), and GIST social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. All participants are strongly encouraged to follow GIST and the Tech-I competition on social media.

Phase 3: Online Voting: September 1, 2014, to October 1, 2014

The Tech-I semi-finalists from the previous phase are encouraged to mobilize their networks to vote for their videos from September 1 to October 1. AAAS reserves the right to discount fraudulent votes as determined by fraud prevention analysis. By October 8, the 30 finalists will be selected using the criteria outlined in Section VII. Applicants will be notified of the results via email by October 8.

Phase 4: Tech-I Finals: To Be Confirmed

After selection, all 30 finalists will be invited to attend a minimum of three webinars designed to assist and aid in the development of their full application for the final round of the competition. The application package for the Finals will require the submission of a full business model canvas, technical specifications of the innovation, a market positioning statement on product uniqueness, and a write-up on envisioned social impacts. The Lean Startup Methodology will be the basis for the business model canvas and commercialization strategy requirements. Webinar topics to assist in developing this package will include the key components of a business model canvas, effective communication with potential funders, technical writing for entrepreneurs, and the elements of an effective business pitch.

Finalists will be invited to Morocco, with all travel expenses provided, to participate in the 2014 Tech-I competition as part of the GES. All travel will be organized and coordinated by AAAS. Immediately prior to GES, all finalists will receive two days of training with AAAS and its team of trainers and mentors. Training and group workshop topics can include: perfecting your business model canvas, maximizing your mentorship opportunities, identifying and selling to your key audience, understanding regulatory pathways and IP protection, and effective communication of complex science and technology to a general audience. There will also be the opportunity for finalists to engage in subject matter specific sessions with a focus on funding opportunities, stakeholders, and key global technology trends and opportunities within their topic areas. Additional sessions will be held for female finalists only and those who may have never presented in English previously.

The final round of the Tech-I competition's pitching, which will take place during the GES, will be split into two groups: Idea Stage entries and Startup Stage entries. Each finalist will give a 5 minute business pitch to a panel of judges, followed by 5 minutes of questioning. The judging panels, one for Idea and one for Startup, will consist of a mixture of scientists, technologists, angel investors, venture capitalists, and entrepreneurs. Criteria for the final round will be communicated to all finalists when they are invited to the Tech-I Finals. Judging criteria will be different for Idea and Startup pitches and similar to other evaluation portions of the Tech-I competition.

The awards will be announced during the GIST Awards Ceremony during the closing plenary session of the GES. There will be numerous awards, both monetary and non-monetary, presented including Top 3 Startups, Top 3 Idea Stage entries, Best Female Entrepreneur, Most Potential for Social Impact, and Honorable Mentions.



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Phase 5: Mentorship: Post Global Entrepreneurship Summit

The 30 GIST Tech-I finalists selected in Phase 3 will receive mentorship for up to three consecutive months following the Tech-I Finals in Morocco from a relevant expert. Additionally, finalists will receive a year's membership to AAAS.

IX. Terms and Conditions

Export Control

AAAS complies with all U.S. laws and regulations and applicable international law pertaining to export controls and to the participation of foreign nationals or institutions in its activities. It is AAAS's policy not to conduct any transactions with U.S. restricted entities without appropriate authorization from the U.S. Government, including licenses and other permits and restrictions. AAAS reserves the right to restrict the participation of any individual or institution in its programs.

Protection of Confidential Information

Collected demographic information, including gender, citizenship, and residency, from application materials will not be shared with the expert judges and review panels. For semi-finalists and finalists, limited personal information (e.g., name and citizenship), may be made publically available in promotional materials and specifically as part of the voting process and associated applicant profile.

Applicants are responsible for identifying any written business confidential information contained in their application materials. AAAS assumes that no business confidential information will be disclosed by an applicant including the initial application and the business pitch presentation. If there is a valid need to provide any business confidential information after selection as a semi-finalist, such written information shall be clearly marked so that AAAS can, to the degree reasonably possible, protect it by restricting its exposure to authorized staff, its funding and oversight agencies, and external U.S. and international business reviewers and judges. Independent U.S. and international business reviewers and judges retained by AAAS, as well as all personnel of AAAS and its partner organizations, are required to adhere to strict standards of confidentiality in the handling of all business confidential information contained in any written materials.

Any written materials containing business confidential materials should be clearly labeled "Business Confidential." Reviewers and judges will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) prior to receipt of any business confidential materials from an applicant. A copy of the template for this agreement is available on request by corresponding to: tech-i@aaas.org.

Applicants may request that particular organizations or individuals, whose access to their proposals would compromise business confidential information, not be selected as reviewers. Such information must be disclosed to AAAS at the time any Business Confidential information is disclosed during the competition.



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Submissions and Conduct

The following terms and conditions apply to all audio, video, and/or textual content applicants may submit to Tech-I:

- AAAS does not endorse any submission or any opinion, recommendation, or advice expressed therein, and expressly disclaims any and all liability in connection with submissions.
- AAAS does not permit infringement of any intellectual property rights and will disqualify any submission if properly notified that a submission's contents infringe on another's rights. In connection with submissions, entrants affirm, represent, and/or warrant that they own or have the necessary licenses, rights, consents, and permissions to use and authorize AAAS to use all patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright, or other proprietary rights in and to any and all submissions to enable inclusion and use of the submissions in the manner contemplated by AAAS and these Terms and Conditions.
- By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to all of the rights, permission, and terms and conditions as contained in this document. All applications become the property of AAAS and will not be returned to applicants.
- By entering the Tech-I, applicants agree that AAAS and the Department of State shall have the right to use all submitted materials for promotional purposes, in perpetuity throughout the world and in any and all media for no payment or other compensation whatsoever. All submitted materials, including videos, may be used by AAAS and the Department of State for the purpose of communication, training, outreach, promotional activities, and other purposes. By entering the Competition each applicant agrees to grant AAAS and the Department of State an irrevocable, royalty free license to use the video entered for publications and promotional activities including but not limited to the competition website, GIST initiative associated websites, social media pages as well as any other promotional activities of both AAAS and the Department of State.
- Entrants further agree that they will not submit material that is copyrighted by a third party, protected by trade secret, or otherwise subject to third-party proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights, unless the applicant is the owner of such rights or have permission from their rightful owner to submit the material.
- By entering the competition, applicants warrant and confirm that they grant and have obtained all necessary rights, licenses, consents and permissions from all persons rendering performances in relation to their video(s), including but not limited to consents from all persons whose performances are reproduced in the video(s) or otherwise in order that AAAS and the Department of State may make the fullest use of the video(s). If any such consents, permissions or any clearances have not been properly and legally obtained, then the entrant, upon submitting the video(s), agrees to indemnify and keep AAAS and the Department of State fully indemnified from and against any claim, damage, loss (whether foreseeable or not), liability or cost including reasonable legal fees arising out of any failure to obtain such consents.
- By entering the competition, applicants warrant and confirm that the applicant is in compliance with all laws applicable to the application and the work proposed.
- Regarding the promotional video, any form of violence, profanity, sexually explicit content, libel and/or attacks on individuals or organizations may not be depicted. Videos should not invade privacy, reveal other people's personal information or display predatory behavior. Videos must not contain material that promotes intolerance, harassment, intimidation, racism, hatred or harm against any group, individual or organization or promote discrimination based on race, gender, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age. AAAS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and delete any application it deems to be offensive,



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inappropriate, derogatory and libelous, or not in keeping with the competition theme or that is otherwise not in compliance with the official Tech-I terms and conditions.

- AAAS accepts no responsibility for applications lost, delayed, misdirected, damaged or undelivered. Incomplete, non-compliant and/or illegible entries will be disqualified. AAAS shall not be responsible for technical errors in telecommunications networks, Internet access or otherwise, preventing entry to the competition.
- By entering the Tech-I, applicants acknowledge that they may be required to be used in publicity without further consent. Such publicity may include without limitation the applicant's video, and their name and/or likeness, voice, photographs and/or video footage of the applicant, biographical information provided by the entrants/winners and/or any statement made by them concerning the competition and/or the awards. Applicants agree that any or all such elements may be used by AAAS and the Department of State in any and all media in perpetuity throughout the world. Nevertheless, AAAS and the Department of State shall have no obligation to include an entrant in any publicity whatsoever.

Intellectual Property Rights to Work Produced Under Awards

AAAS makes no claim to intellectual property rights to any work created under any award. However, the applicant shall provide reports on activities undertaken under the award, and AAAS shall have the right to both share this information with the U.S. Department of State and to publicize the program through summaries of reports and other means.

Dissemination

AAAS reserves the right to publicly disseminate general information about submissions. Such information may include the number of proposals received; the names of applicants and applicant organizations; the applicant's citizenship; titles of proposed activities; and sector(s) in which the work is proposed. For teams receiving mini-grants, AAAS reserves the right to publically disseminate descriptions of proposals funded, and reports about progress and outcomes. Recipient organizations and principal investigators will be expected to provide AAAS with reasonable assistance in communicating funded work and its related impacts to the public.

Award Administration Terms and Conditions

Awards will be disbursed in a single installment via wire transfer to a bank account held in the applicant's name. All award recipients will be required to both sign and comply with award terms and conditions. Details regarding the award terms and conditions will be made available from AAAS on request. Applicants may also request guidance on policies and procedures relating to the financial and contractual management of grants, including conflict of interest guidelines.

X. Definitive Version of this Announcement

For explanatory purposes or for clarification, this competition announcement and associated documents may be translated. In the event of the existence of such a translation, the English language version shall serve as the definitive version determining the interpretation of any provision contained herein. Should AAAS amend or make corrections or clarifications to this announcement, applicants will be promptly notified.



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XI. Additional Information and Support

Questions and correspondence regarding this competition announcement should be directed to the AAAS GIST Tech-I Team (please see contact information below). Applicants are requested to identify themselves in all correspondence and to put the phrase "GIST Tech-I" in the email subject line. AAAS may choose not to disclose certain information in a response to any question or query, if in our view such details would affect the fairness or transparency of the competition or convey an undue advantage to an applicant. Applicants are encouraged to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the AAAS GIST Tech-I website on a regular basis as answers are updated daily while applications are being accepted. AAAS also reserves the right to disclose to all other applicants an answer or clarification to a question from an applicant in the interest of fairness, objectivity, and transparency of this competition.

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APPENDIX A - GIST Eligible Countries

Global Innovation through Science and Technology *Operating in 86 Emerging Economies*

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Belarus
- Belize
- Benin
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Brunei
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Chad
- Chile
- Colombia
- Comoros Islands
- Congo (Republic of)
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Honduras
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives Islands
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Peru
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zambia



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