Round 2

KEY DATES

Activity	Date
Round 1 Begins	Feb 10
Round 1 UNHCR Briefing	Feb 12
Round 1 Proposals due by 5:00 PM US EST	Feb 21
Round 1 Proposal Evaluations	Mar 3-14
Round 2 Teams announced	Mar 25
Round 2 Orientation, 2 options	Mar 27 & 31
Round 2 Mentors assigned, round 2 begins	Mar 31
Round 2 Final presentation due by 5:00 PM US EDT	**April 11**
Round 2 Presentations 6:00 AM – 1:00 PM US EDT	April 18
Final Round Finalists Announced	April 21
Final Round Competition (Singapore)	**June 24 – 27**
Final Round Presentations & Winners Announced	June 27

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MENTORS & COMPETITION DAY

Check-ins with Mentors

- Each team has been assigned a mentor to provide coaching and support during the competition. Mentor assignments will be announced on March 31 and introduced via email.

- Only CIEE-provided mentors will be allowed to support student teams during the weeks of the competition. **Outside help from faculty advisors or coaches is not allowed in Round 2.**

- Mentors are asked to complete up to three check-ins between March 31 – April 11. Each check-in should last no longer than 60 minutes.

- Mentors are not subject matter experts; their primary role is to provide overall guidance and support on approach to solving the challenge. It is up to you and your team how you leverage check-ins with your mentors. Mentors are volunteers; please be mindful of their time and team captains, please be sure to respond to their emails.

Competition Day – April 18, 6:00AM – 1:00PM US EDT

- Each team will be assigned a presentation slot in one of three zoom rooms where a panel of three judges will listen to and rate your team's presentation.

- Each team will be provided a 20-minute presentation slot which will consist of 10 minutes of presentation and up to 10 minutes of Q&A with the judges.

- Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled presentation time for a technical check to ensure all members of your team are ready to go when called by the judges.

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ROUND 2 COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES

- Your Round 2 presentation must build on the solution idea submitted in your Round 1 proposal.
- All work presented must be solely that of the participating team members. Outside research is allowed (e.g., written, online).
- The team's PowerPoint presentation (saved and uploaded as PDF format) is the final deliverable for Round 2 of the competition. Your PowerPoint presentation must be in English.
- Please include your team's name in the saved file name and proposal. For example, "Team Challenger Proposal."
- **Team captains will post their team's proposal to the Team Captain Resource Center by 5:00 PM EDT (US Eastern) on April 11, 2025.** You may resubmit your proposal up until the deadline. After the submission deadline, you will not be able to make any changes. Only the version uploaded last will be used. If you have issues posting your proposal, please contact us at GIC@ciee.org immediately.
- In addition to your presentation content, the presentation deck must also include the following:
  - A title slide with the title of the challenge and your team's name
  - A credit slide with the names of the student creators and attending institution of the student creators.
  - Slide animations or transitions are not allowed.
  - Note references and works cited as appropriate through the slide deck (MLA, APA, or Chicago style are acceptable). If you cite outside sources in your proposal, you must include a reference or works cited page. Be sure to include the source of any nonoriginal images.
- You may submit supplementary materials to the Resource Center. This is optional. Only your PowerPoint presentation (saved as PDF) will be considered for judges' deliberation.

ROUND 2 COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES

- Your proposal must also be orally presented in English to a panel of judges on Friday, April 18, 2025. You will receive your assigned presentation time slot on Tuesday April 15, 2025 by 11:59 PM US EDT.
- 36 teams will be randomly distributed across three "Zoom" rooms. Each room will have a panel of 3 judges wo will select the best presentation from the teams who present in their room. There will be one winning team from each "Zoom" room.
- Your presentation as a PDF will be pre-loaded and run by the CIEE facilitator in your Zoom room.
- You may choose to present your full slide deck or only a section. Your presentation must not exceed 10 minutes. Slides to be presented during the presentation must appear in order and at the front of the deck.
- Each team member will be required to speak during the team presentation, although the length of time each speaks can vary.
- Teams will receive a cue from the CIEE facilitator that there is one minute remaining when they reach the nine-minute mark of their presentation. At the ten-minute mark, teams will be asked to stop their presentation.
- Team members should be prepared for a Q&A with the judges, which will last about 10 minutes.

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- Each team will be assigned a CIEE mentor to provide coaching and support during the competition. Outside help from faculty advisors or coaches is not allowed in Round 2.
- The judges' decision is final. Participating teams agree to be bound by the CIEE UNHCR Student Challenge Competition Rules and Guidelines.
- Each student team's proposal will be scored using the CIEE GIC Student Challenge rubric (see next page). Final scores are for CIEE and judge's use only and will not be released to student teams or any other party
- The 3 teams advancing to the finals in Singapore will be announced by 12:00 PM US EDT (US Eastern) on Monday, April 21, 2025.

HOW WILL TEAM PRESENTATIONS BE ASSESSED?

JUDGING & SCORING

All presentations will be judged based on the following elements:

- Content of slide deck – 10%
- Teamwork and Presentation 15%
- Grasp of Challenge presented – 30%
- Overall impact of proposal in addressing the issue presented – 30%
- Innovation – 5%
- Q&A performance 10%

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