## **JUDGING**

## **AWARDS AND ELIGIBILITY**

## **Space Apps offers local and global awards. Solutions with intriguing and innovative insights and compelling storytelling rise to the top in the judging process. Eligible solutions may compete for two different levels of awards: local and global.**

## **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS, YOU MUST:**

## **Develop a project in response to one of the official Space Apps Challenges**

## **Include a link to code in a public repository on your project page (if applicable)**

## **Keep any code developed during the event open-source. We <3 open data!**

## **Ensure that all your team members are registered and identified on the team’s webpage**

## **Submit your project by midnight, Sunday, October 21 in your local timezone**

## **Local Awards**

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## **Local judging and awards occur under the direction of the Local Leads at each Space Apps location. Leads may then nominate up to two solutions from each location to compete in the global judging process.Global Awards**

## **The brightest ideas across the Space Apps universe receive global recognition. Global award winners are featured on the Space Apps website and receive an invitation to visit NASA’s Kennedy Space Center with the Space Apps Global Organizing Team.**

## ***\*Winner(s) and one guest each will be responsible for their personal travel, meals and incidental expenses, and accommodation expenses.***

## **The categories for awards are...**

## **Best Use of Data,**

## **Best Use of Hardware,**

## **Best Mission Concept,**

## **Galactic Impact,**

## **Most Inspirational, and**

## **Best Use of Science!**

## **GLOBAL JUDGING PROCESS**

## **Each location Lead may nominate up to two finalists from their location for global judging by NASA; nominations are due by 11:59pm EST, Oct 22nd, 2018. Teams nominated for global judging will be asked to create a 30-second video about their project using effective storytelling techniques (**[**see 30 Seconds of Glory graphic**](https://sa-media-2018.s3.amazonaws.com/media/images/30seconds_FbRUpS4.original.png)**). Teams will submit videos by midnight local time on Sunday, October 28, 2018, by embedding a link to their video in their project page.**

## **NASA experts will then review these nominations to select the top 30 projects. NASA experts will choose the global winners based on information from their project pages. So, don't forget to keep project pages updated with project descriptions, the project video, and open source code and related information.**

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## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

* **Impact**: How much impact (quality and quantity) can this project have? Does it solve a big problem or a little problem? Will it inspire or help many, or a few?
* **Creativity**: How creative/innovative is the approach? Is the project novel and something that hasn’t been attempted before, or is it an incremental improvement on something that already exists?
* **Validity**: Is the solution scientifically valid? Will it do what it sets out to do? Can it work in the real world?
* **Relevance**: Is this project responsive to the challenge for which it was submitted? Is it a complete solution or does it have a long way to go? Is it technically feasible? How usable or user friendly is the solution?
* **Presentation**:\*\* How well did the team communicate their project? Were they effective in telling the story of the project: the challenge, the solution, and why it is important?