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INNOVATION PROJECT JUDGING

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- They are the Champion's Team from World Festival 2018.



# INNOVATION PROJECT JUDGING OVERVIEW

- Innovation Project judging will focus on the contents of the rubric. Make sure that you address all aspects within the 5 mins.
- Make sure that everyone on the team is involved. If you have anyone who is shy, try to help them or give them a role that will make them comfortable
- During your 5-minute presentation, you need to cover all the components of rubric (do not wait until the Q&A to cover critical components)

BEGINNING 1	DEVELOPING 2	ACCOMPLISHED 3	EXCEEDS 4
			How has the team exceeded?
IDENTIFY – Team had a clearly defined problem that was well researched.			
Problem not clearly defined	Partially clear definition of the problem	Clear definition of the problem	
Minimal research	Partial research from more than one source	Clear, detailed research from a variety of sources	
<b>DESIGN</b> – Team generated innovative ideas independently before selecting and planning which one to develop.			
Minimal evidence of an inclusive selection process	Partial evidence of an inclusive selection process	Clear evidence of an inclusive selection process	
Minimal evidence of an effective plan	Partial evidence of an effective plan	Clear evidence of an effective plan	
CREATE – Team developed an original idea or built on an existing one with a prototype model/drawing to represent their solution.			
Minimal development of innovative solution	Partial development of innovative solution	Clear development of innovative solution	
Unclear model/drawing of solution	Simple model/drawing that helps to share the solution	Detailed model/drawing that helps to share the solution	
ITERATE – Team shared their ideas, collected feedback, and included improvements in their solution.			
Minimal sharing of their solution	Shared their solution with user OR professional	Shared their solution with user AND professional	
Minimal evidence of improvements in their solution	Partial evidence of improvements in their solution	Clear evidence of improvements in their solution	
COMMUNICATE – Team shared a creative and effective presentation of their current solution and its impact on their users.			
Presentation minimally engaging	Presentation partially engaging	Presentation engaging	
Solution and its potential impact on others unclear	Solution and its potential impact on others partially clear	Solution and its potential impact on others clear	

## **FAQS**

- Do we have to do a creative skit?
  - Many teams choose this route as being creative can help you stand out. However, if if it is not the personality of your team do not force a skit upon your team. Also, be careful not to get so involved in a skit that it becomes hard for a judge to understand and mark the rubric.
- Can we do a PowerPoint presentation?
  - Yes. However, keep in mind that your presentation is supposed to be live (not a recording) and that you may or may not have access to technology (or an electricity outlet) in the room. You will have to bring your own fully-charged device to share the slides.
- What if we go over the 5 min limit?
  - Try to keep to the time limit. If you are a few seconds over, the judges should let you keep speaking. If you are not stopping, they are likely to cut you off, or not get a chance to ask you as many questions. This will hurt your team.
- Do we have to memorize our lines?
  - It is helpful to have eye-contact with your judges. Memorizing can help with that. However, ideally, you do not memorize the exact words, but the general content you want to convey. You are allowed notes as well. Some teams hide notes behind props or posters.

# COMMON JUDGE QUESTIONS

- Describe the problem your team chose?
- Why did you pick this problem? What other problems did you consider?
- Did you have a plan for the season? How did you split the work?
- What are the steps you took to solve this problem?
- Whom did you share the solution with? What feedback did you get? How did you incorporate that feedback?
- What would it take to implement this solution?
- How does your solution help your community/solve the problem?

### **CREDITS**

- This lesson was written by Sanjay and Arvind Seshan
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