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Design and build the next generation of Mars rovers that will one day work alongside human explorers in the field.

The Prize:
Cash prizes, a trip to present at the annual International Mars Society Convention, and a year's worth of bragging rights.

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Recent Announcements

Announcing the URC2020 Finals Qualifiers

Unfortunately the URC2020 Finals were cancelled due to the impacts of COVID-19, but not before teams were able to submit their System Acceptance Review packages. While there will be no final scores or rankings for URC2020, we are proud to announce the 36 teams whose scores would have qualified for the URC2020 Finals! 2020 was another extremely competitive year for URC, with 93 teams originally competing, and 68 teams submitting SAR Packages. This year the threshold to finish in the top 36 teams of the SAR and qualify for the URC2020 Finals was 81 points. **Congratulations to our URC2020 Finals Qualifiers, as well as all of the teams for their hard work and ambition throughout this project!** Team Name ...

Posted May 1, 2020, 8:49 AM by Kevin Sloan

URC2020 Finals Cancelled In Response to COVID-19 **Updated March 16, 2020**Sunday evening, March 15, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced new guidance recommending the cancellation or postponement of events consisting of more than 50 people in the United States. The URC2020 Finals are scheduled to take place in approximately 10 weeks, but would bring together more than 500 individuals from around the world. **In light of this recent guidance, the University Rover Challenge and Mars Society have made the decision to cancel the URC2020 Finals.**This was a decision made with very heavy hearts, but the reality is that the latest CDC guidance made this an easy and obvious decision. As we have emphasized in each of our announcements regarding the ...

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Webinar February 12: Preparing for the SAR, Q&A Updates with URC Judges URC and Protocase are excited to bring teams this webinar to help prepare for the SAR milestone!**February 12, 1pm MST (UTC-7) - Preparing for the System Acceptance Review and Q&A Updates with URC Judges.**Join URC judges for a discussion of the System Acceptance Review process. This is your opportunity to hear the judges discuss what they are looking for when evaluating reports and videos during this down-selection milestone. Judges will also be providing an update on key questions and answers that have been posted since the initial release of the URC2020 rules in September, 2019.**Pre-registration is required!** (Link sent to teams via the URC-Announce list.)
Posted Feb 8, 2020, 9:17 AM by Kevin Sloan

System Acceptance Review Requirements Posted for URC2020 The updated requirements have been posted for the URC2020 System Acceptance Review! SAR packages must be submitted no later than February 28, 2020 at 11:59pm Mountain Standard Time (MST; UTC-7). SAR Packages must consist of a 6 page report and 5 minute video.The SAR is a competitive milestone, meaning that teams will be judged against each other. Only the top 36 teams will be accepted to compete in the URC2020 field competition.
Posted Feb 2, 2020, 7:09 PM by Kevin Sloan

Protocase Webinar for Teams (Jan 29) Topic: *Intro to Protocase Sponsorship: How to Use Protocase's Custom Manufacturing Services*When: **Jan 29, 2020 11:00am Mountain Standard Time (MST; UTC-7)** An overview for teams who are taking advantage of the 2020 URC sponsorship offer from Protocase. Registration instructions were sent to teams via the URC-Announce list.This webinar will explain our capabilities as a custom manufacturer of enclosures, parts and components. We will also share some key design guidelines to keep in mind when designing and submitting your order. Working with Protocase will ensure that your rover's precision-fabricated enclosures, parts and components are finished professionally and to your exact needs within 2-3 days. There will be an opportunity to ask questions ...
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