Contest Rules

1. There is no fee for entry.
2. Proposals must be received by November 6, 2017 at 12 noon in order to be considered.
3. Individuals are only allowed to enter one proposal.
4. Submissions may be entered by individuals or teams (up to 5 members).
5. Any student who submits a proposal must be available to compete at The Pitch on March 1, 2018. Failure to participate in the event will result in the forfeiture of any prize won.
6. Participants will present their proposal and respond to questions in allotted time. The presentation may only be made by the individual(s) who submitted the proposal.
7. All participants must be students currently enrolled at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.
8. Proposals must be the original work of the students submitting the proposal.
9. The Pitch will not support any illegal activity.
10. Entries are subject to the following funding requirements:
    • Participants must disclose any funding already received at the time of submission.
    • Participants must not have accepted any institutional funding for the idea being presented.
    • Teams must not have accepted any non-institutional funding in excess of $10,000. Non-institutional funding includes contest winnings, grants, friends and family, bank loans, etc. where there is no equity ownership associated with the funding.
    • There are forms of funding that may fall into a gray area. In these cases, the Centennial Center will determine the eligibility of the participant. The decision of the CC is final and cannot be appealed.

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By submitting a proposal, you represent to the Centennial Center that you have all right, title and/or interest in the idea submitted and the information you present is accurate and complete, and that by submitting to The Pitch you are not and will not be violating any contract or third party rights including patent, copyright, trade secret, proprietary or confidential information, trademark, publicity or privacy right. The Centennial Center reserves the right to disqualify any entry that in its judgment violates The Pitch guidelines, processes and rules. The decisions of the Centennial Center are final and binding.

Confidentiality

The identities of the participant(s), the proposal entered as well as any pitch delivered during The Pitch event are considered public domain and can be used by the Centennial Center for marketing and PR purposes.

Intellectual Property

Before submitting entries, the Centennial Center urges contestants to confirm with appropriate advisors or legal counsel that any intellectual property described in their proposal is protected (i.e. by appropriate
intellectual property filings, notices, patent or copyright by the owning institution and/or individuals). The Centennial Center also recommends that contestants determine in advance whether their proposal describes a technology, invention, copyrightable work or other intellectual property. For any doubt about the legal status of contestants’ own or third party intellectual property or any other aspect of their plan, the Centennial Center advises participants’ to seek independent legal counsel.

Media

All teams are required to participate in media and press opportunities related to The Pitch. This includes, but is not limited to, the following opportunities:

- All participants may be asked to provide a description of their proposal that will be made available to media and may be released publicly, either in part or in its entirety.
- All participants may be asked to speak to the media for competition related interviews when requested; all participants may be asked to provide quotes and/or content for any competition related press releases.
- Participating in media and press opportunities in no way requires teams to disclose any proprietary or otherwise confidential information related to their proposals. The Centennial Center agrees to provide consultation to any team, upon request, to avoid such disclosures while participating in press related opportunities.

Liability

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I have read and agree to the contest rules and waiver.