



2019 AQUAHACKING CHALLENGE

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

The 2019 AquaHacking Challenge (the “**Challenge**”) is organized by Aqua Forum. Hackworks Inc. will help Aqua Forum coordinate the Challenge until the semi-final (Hackworks Inc. and Aqua Forum, collectively the “**Organizer(s)**”). By entering the Challenge, participants agree to abide by these Rules and decisions of the Organizers and the Challenge judges, as further defined below. You also agree to comply with all applicable Federal and Provincial laws where the Challenge takes place. The Challenge is void to the extent prohibited or restricted by law.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be 18 years of age and over
- Participants must live in either Canada or the US for the duration of the Challenge.
- The organizers’ and sponsors’ employees and their immediate families (i.e. their spouses, siblings, children, parents, spouses’ parents and the spouses of any of those individuals) and their household members (related or not) are not eligible to participate in the Challenge.
- Participants must register to the Challenge on the website www.aquahacking.com and be part of a team.
- All participants must supply their full name, birthday, gender, location and an email address to register. If any of this data is incomplete or incorrect, the entry is deemed to be invalid and the participant loses all rights to claiming a prize.
- All participants must provide their own computer.
- The Challenge begins on March 21st, 2019 and ends on October 3rd, 2019 (for 5 finalists’ teams). The challenge ends on June 15th, 2019 for teams taking part to the semi-final but not moving to the final.
- Professors backing a participating team may only hold an advisory role. A Professor may not take part in the team’s pitches during the semi-final or the final.
- Any individual who is eligible to enter the Challenge (whether as an individual or as part of a team – see below) will hereinafter be referred to as an “**Eligible Participant(s)**”.
- Participants are subject to verification in the sole and absolute discretion of the Organizers. The Organizers reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require proof of identity and/or eligibility (in a form acceptable to the Organizers – including but not limited to government issued photo identification) to participate in this Challenge. Failure to provide such proof to the satisfaction of the Organizers in a timely manner may result in disqualification.

2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Eligible Participants own the results of their work in relation to the solution developed during the Challenge.

3. PARTICIPATION AND LIMITATIONS

- To be eligible for both the semi-final and final all teams must have registered for the Challenge between February 15th and May 15th (hereinafter the “**Registration Period**”) and abide by the directions provided to them in advance of each milestone event.
- Incorporated companies/organizations cannot participate in the Challenge.
- Solutions cannot be previously developed products that have received funding to be further developed, including but not limited to start-ups.
- All proprietary code used in the proposed solutions must be developed during the Challenge period, though we allow teams who have previously started work on design, wireframes, or mock-ups.
- All participants in a team must meet the eligibility criteria and register for the Challenge during the Registration Period.
- Teams can only present a **single project** addressing at least **one of the issues/problem statements** available on the website www.aquahacking.com and the registration platform www.hackworks.com/en/aquahackingchallenge2019 to be eligible.
- Teams can work on their solutions whenever and for as long as they want between March 21st, 2019 and June 15th, 2019. However, the five finalists’ teams will have until October 3rd, 2019 to finish their solutions.
- To be eligible for the final, the teams **must** have participated in the semi-final on June 15th, 2019 for a chance to qualify to the final on October 3rd, 2019.
- Teams must deliver all documentation supporting their project and all presentations (pitch) in **English only**.
- Two sets of evaluation criteria will be used by the judges: one for the semi-final, one for the final. (The criteria for each are slightly different. See website for details.)
- During the final pitch to the judges, the developed solution must be functional (or considerably advanced toward being so).

The semi-final June 15th, 2019 (pitch and judging)

- All teams must submit a 3-pages max document describing their project at the latest on Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 at midnight.
- Teams **must have at least one representative pitching their project in person or via approved telepresence link** at the semi-final June 15th, 2019 (see website for details)
- For the semi-final, each team must prepare a presentation of their project to the judges. The format of this “pitch” is at the team’s discretion. Each team will have 5 minutes to present.
- The 5 top solutions will be selected to go on to the final, to be held on October 3rd, 2019 in Montreal, QC. See website for details.

- The top 5 teams will receive a \$2,000 Canadian Dollars bursary to help them develop and refine their solution and business plan until the Final.
- Travel and accommodations expenses are not covered for the semi-final

The week-end expedition for finalists teams July 12th, 2019 to July 14th, 2019

- The expedition is **mandatory** for all the finalists' teams. To accommodate finalists' participants, at least 2 representatives per team must attend the expedition, but not only.
- The expedition will take place from July 12th, 2019 to July 14th, 2019 at the Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre, in Ontario (see website for details)
- Travel expenses will be covered, accommodations and food will be provided to the participation for the duration of the expedition

The final October 3rd, 2019 (pitch, judging and prizes)

- Each of the teams selected to compete in the final must submit a document describing their project by September 22, 2019 midnight at the latest.
- The final will be held on October 3rd, 2019 in Montréal. See website for details.
- Finalist teams **must have at least one representative pitching their project in person** at the final October 3rd, 2019 (see website for details).
- For the final, each team must prepare a presentation of their project to the judges. The format of this "pitch" is at the team's discretion. Each team will have 7 minutes to present.
- The jury deliberation and the announcement of the winning teams will take place October 3rd, 2019 during the Challenge Final in Montreal. See website for details.
- Finalist prizes are awarded to the winning teams in Canadian Dollars. One part will be divided equally among the team members just after the Final and the second part will be sent when the Organizers will receive an official confirmation that the teams will start their start up incubation.
- Travel, accommodations and food expenses are covered for the finalist teams for their participation in the final.

4. SOLUTION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- By submitting a project, each participant agrees that the project and each individual component thereof complies with all the conditions stated in these Rules. Neither the Organizers nor the Sponsors will bear any legal liability arising from the use of any project by the sponsors or any other entity.
- By submitting a project, each participant further agrees that the Organizers and the Sponsors shall be held harmless by each participant in the event it is subsequently discovered that the participant departed from or not fully complied with any of these rules.
- Submitted projects must never have been previously exhibited publicly or selected as a winner in any other contest. Submitted projects may be based on academic work previously published but never commercialized. All proprietary code used in the projects submitted must be developed during the Challenge Period.

5. **GENERAL CONDITIONS AND PRIVACY**

- The Organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant if there exists reasonable doubt that the entrant has attempted to undermine the legitimate operation of the Challenge by cheating, deception, or other unfair practices. The same applies for all threats or harassment of other participants, staff members or jury members.
- Participants represent and warrant that they are the sole authors and copyright owners of the developed solution and projects and that the projects are the original work of the participants, or if the is a work based on an existing application, that the participants have acquired sufficient rights to use; and that the project does not infringe upon any copyright or upon any other third party rights of which the Participants are aware, and that the project is free of malware.
- Participants agree that personal data entered during the registration, including name, address, phone number and email address may be processed, stored and used as part of the Challenge.
- The Organizers are committed to maintaining the participants' privacy and never sell or share their information.
- Participants agree to be photographed and filmed, and that their images may be used for promotional purposes by the Organizers.
- The Organizers are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Participants are encouraged to check with their insurance company or employer for coverage in case of theft.
- The Organizers will not be liable for: (i) any failure of the website before, during or after the Challenge; (ii) for any technical malfunction or other problems relating to the telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers, access providers, computer equipment or software; (iii) the failure of any project entry to be received for any reason, including, but not limited to, technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or at any website or for any entry to be deemed inadmissible during Phase 1; (iv) any injury or damage to a participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or downloading any material in the Challenge; (v) any illness, injury, sleep deprivation, stress related illness/injury or any other illness/injury of any kind claimed to be caused by or related to a participant's entry or participation in this Challenge; and/or (vi) any combination of the above.
- The Organizers reserve the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, and without prior notice, to adjust any of the dates and/or timeframes stipulated in these Rules, to the extent necessary, for purposes of verifying compliance by any participant or Submission with these Rules, or as a result of technical problems, or in light of any other circumstances which, in the opinion of the Organizers, in their sole and absolute discretion, affect the proper administration of the Challenge as contemplated in these Rules.
- Projects previewed on website: the Organizers may, in their sole and absolute discretion, choose to display certain projects or parts thereof on the Challenge website (AquaHacking.com) once submitted. For greater certainty, the fact that a project has (or has not) been displayed on these or other websites will NOT impact the winner selection process.