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INFORMATION FOR STUDENT TEAMS:

Oregon's only statewide invention competition

2019 - 2020

#RoadtoInventOR



From idea to prototype in 90 days

InventOR is Oregon's largest prototyping competition for college and university students.

Students from all disciplines take their invention from idea to prototype in less than 90 days with help from mentors, business development and product design resources, and a \$2,500 prototyping grant.

InventOR student impact

78%

of students say InventOR
helped them make valuable
connections to help further
their prototype

75%

of students will likely or definitely
pursue commercializing their
invention after participating
in InventOR

71%

of students say
InventOR helped
them gain access to
resources to develop
their prototype

73%

of students say InventOR
helped them refine their
business model

A background image of three students, two men and one woman, looking towards the camera. The image is overlaid with a purple gradient. The student on the right is wearing a black cap and glasses. The student in the middle is smiling. The student on the left is partially obscured.

WHO is eligible?

- 1 Student teams from any discipline with a concept based on a new invention or innovation based on existing technology.
- 2 Inventions must address solutions that will impact communities or people's lives or have an impact at scale in markets.
- 3 Teams must consist of three or more people. At least one team member must be an eligible student directly affiliated with an Oregon college or university as described below. Faculty members cannot participate as team members. We recommend that teams consist of one technical and one business lead.

See [website](#) for more details on eligibility



WHEN?

InventOR Timeline

September 3rd

2019

Applications open
Schools open applications and select participating teams to compete in preliminaries (~5-10 teams).

November
to April

2020

Local competition
Partner schools host their local competition and select two teams to advance to semifinals

May 1st - 3rd

Bootcamp

May 3rd

Semifinals

June 26th

InventOR Finals

A group of people in a laboratory setting. A man with a beard and a woman with long hair are looking at a device. The background is a blurred laboratory with various equipment.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN INVENTOR?

Connections

Exposure

**Funding &
Resources**



Connections

Student teams connect with industry leaders and connect with Oregon's entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem. Students **walk away with valuable connections that will help them in their future careers**, in achieving academic success, and on their path to entrepreneurship.

Exposure

Teams showcase their prototypes and pitch their ideas to a local and national audience of business leaders, company founders, and investors. All teams gain valuable exposure that will help them advance their prototype, launch their own startups, and learn how to turn their ideas into reality.



A photograph of three people on a stage. On the left, a man with glasses and a green shirt is cheering with his arms raised. In the center, a woman with glasses and a white patterned shirt is smiling and holding a small object. On the right, a woman with curly hair and a patterned dress is partially visible, also smiling. The background is dark with some yellow light streaks. A yellow decorative graphic is in the bottom left corner.

Funding & Resources

All participating teams receive a \$500 prototyping grant. All semifinalist teams receive an additional \$2,000 prototyping grant. All students participate in our two-day intensive workshop where they receive mentorship, business development support, pitch training, and additional resources to help them on their road to InventOR.

PARTNER SCHOOLS

To be eligible students must be enrolled in a participating partner school. See www.inventoregon.org for more information on eligibility and how to participate. Our partner schools for the 2019-2020 school year are:

- Clackamas Community College
- Eastern Oregon University
- George Fox University
- Lewis and Clark College
- Linfield College
- Klamath Community College
- Oregon Health and Science University
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Oregon State University
- Portland Community College
- Portland State University
- Rogue Community College
- Southwestern Oregon Community College
- University of Oregon
- University of Portland
- Warner Pacific University
- Western Oregon University



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STUDENTS TODAY
INNOVATORS TOMORROW

What students are
saying about InventOR





What students are saying about InventOR

“You have this idea and passion and you are ready to go out and work on it and sometimes you don’t get the support that you need to make it happen. Getting InventOR’s support said to me that they believe in me, my idea and that I was capable to build it. I’m grateful to be part of InventOR and now I believe that I have the power to change the world.”

Moriah Shay, Ideation Station - Oregon State University

Moriah Shay participated in InventOR in 2017 with her prototype for **Ideation Station**: A mobile maker space equipped with tools and machinery to reach underrepresented makers in Corvallis, Oregon.

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