

Competition Period: November 18, 2020 at 9:00am YST to February 21, 2021 at 11:59pm. All seven winners will be selected from eligible applications received during this period.

Sponsors: Yukon University Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Government of Yukon, Department of Economic Development

Competition Parties: Yukon University and Government of Yukon, their affiliates, as well as their respective governors, directors, officers, employees, and the judging panelists.

## 1. How to enter

To enter the competition, visit our website at <https://www.yukonu.ca/innovation/yukon-innovation-prize> and download and fill out the entry form and submit your completed application as an attachment sent via email to [innovation@yukonu.ca](mailto:innovation@yukonu.ca)

To be valid, all entries must be received **via email** no later than **11:59pm YST on February 21, 2021**. The email time stamp of Yukon University will determine if an entry was submitted during the competition period. Any submissions received after the deadline shall not be considered.

Any content deemed by Yukon University to be inappropriate or not suitable will be disqualified at the sole discretion of Yukon University.

All entries become the property of Yukon University and will not be returned to you. Your application will not be made publicly available.

For clarifications related to this competition please contact:

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## 2. Eligibility

The competition is open to all Yukon residents 18 years or older, except employees of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Yukon University and the Department of Economic Development, Government of Yukon, their affiliates, and the expert advisors and judging panelists. This exclusion also includes those employees' and judging panelists' immediate family members (spouse, father/mother, brother/sister, son/daughter), and any persons living in the same household.

## 3. Procedure for evaluating submissions and awarding prizes

Within one week of the competition close, Yukon University will screen all submissions that were received via email by 11:59pm YST on February 21, 2021. The screening will be conducted using the checklist in section 6 of these rules.

Submissions deemed by the University to contain appropriate content and meet the minimum qualifications (per the checklist in section 6 of these rules) will be forwarded to the judging panel.

From Feb 22, 2021 to March 9, 2021, the judging panel will review each submission, including such aspects as:

1. submission relevance to the selected theme
2. business potential (e.g. market need and commercial viability)
3. how relevant mentors and advisors could help to advance the project
4. how innovative (new or different) the idea is

The judging panelists, chosen by Yukon University for their knowledge and expertise with the selected competition theme, will use a rubric that reflects the above criteria to create a score for each submission. Using a consensus-based approach, the judging panel will select the seven prize recipients, including agreeing on which recipient will receive the grand prize.

The recipients will be contacted by telephone or email and will be advised to claim their prize as instructed by Yukon University.

### 3. Procedure for evaluating submissions and awarding prizes - continued

If any given recipient cannot be reached within three days of the first attempt to contact them, declines the prize, or fails to sign the Recipient Prize Agreement, the prize shall be forfeit and Yukon University has the right, at its sole discretion, to select another winner.

To receive the \$6500 or \$30,000 prize(s), each recipient will sign the Recipient Prize Agreement, which –among other things – confirms their eligibility (as per section 2), commits them to use the prize to further develop their submission, and commits them to participate in the mentorship and advisory services offered as part of the prize winnings.

### 4. Description of prizes

Recipient prizes (six)

\$6,500 towards furthering the finalist's innovative submission.

Grand prize (one)

\$30,000 towards furthering the finalist's innovative submission.

### 5. General terms and conditions

5.1. Each recipient, including the grand prize winner, shall sign a Recipient Prize Agreement that – among other things – confirms their eligibility as stipulated in section 2 of these rules; acknowledges that their name, image and/or voice may be used free of charge for advertising purposes related to this competition; and releases Yukon University, Government of Yukon, their affiliates, as well as their respective governors, directors, officers, employees, advisors, and judging panelists from all liability for any damage or loss arising from participation in this competition or from the awarding, acceptance or use of the prize.

5.2. If the prize cannot be awarded as described in these rules, the sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize or prize component with another of comparable value, as determined in their sole discretion.

5.3. Refusal to accept the prize releases the competition parties from any obligation toward a selected recipient.

5.4. If a competitor makes any false statement, the judging panel reserves the right to disqualify the competitor from the competition.

5.5. The competition parties assume no liability for any loss, damage or injury, including without limitation:

(i) lost, stolen, delayed, damaged, misdirected, late, destroyed, illegible or incomplete entries;

(ii) loss, theft or damage to software or computer or telephone data, including any breach of privacy;

(iii) fraudulent calls;

(iv) inability of any person to participate in the competition for any reason including mistaken addresses on mail or e-mail; technical, computer or telephone malfunctions or other problems with computer online systems, servers, access providers, computer equipment, or software; congestion on the internet or at any website, or any combination of the foregoing;

(v) damage to any person's computer, including as a result of playing or downloading any material relating to the competition;

(vi) any delay or inability to act resulting from an event or situation beyond their control, including a strike, lockout or other labour dispute at their location or the locations of the organizations and businesses whose services are used to administer this competition

(vii) Prizes that are lost, damaged or misdirected during shipping or

(viii) loss, damage, defects or inability to use the prize once awarded to the winner for any reason whatsoever

5.6. Yukon University reserves the right to cancel or suspend this competition should a virus, bug or other cause beyond their reasonable control corrupt the security or proper administration of the competition. Any attempt to deliberately damage any website or to undermine the legitimate operation of this competition is a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, Yukon University reserves the right to seek remedies and damages to the fullest extent permitted by law, including criminal prosecution.

5.7. All personal information, such as name and contact information, is collected by Yukon University for the purposes of administering this competition and shall not be used for any other purpose without applicants' expressed consent. Yukon University reserves the right to contact applicants at any time in the future. By providing this information, applicants consent to it being used for the stated purposes.

5.8. If the identity of a competitor is disputed, the authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at the time of entry will be deemed to be the competitor. The individual assigned to the e-mail address for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address is considered the authorized account holder. A selected competitor may be required to provide proof that (s)he is the authorized account holder of the e-mail address associated with the selected entry. All entries must be submitted from a valid e-mail account that may be identified by reverse domain name search. The sole determinant of time for the purposes of receipt of a valid entry in this competition will be the competition server.

5.9. All entries that are incomplete, illegible, damaged, irregular, have been submitted through illicit means, using any robotic, automatic programmed method that artificially increases the odds of winning or do not conform to or satisfy any condition of the rules may be disqualified by Yukon University. Yukon University is not responsible for any errors or omissions in printing or advertising this competition.

5.10. Yukon University reserves the right to amend the competition rules or to terminate the competition at any time without any liability to any competitor. Any amendments to these competition rules will be posted at <https://www.yukonu.ca/innovation/yukon-innovation-prize>

5.11. By entering the competition, applicants' submissions will become the property of Yukon University and sponsors and will not be returned to applicants.

5.12. By entering a competition submission, applicants agree that they have read and will abide by the competition rules and that the decisions of sponsors and the judging panelists are final and binding on all competitors.

5.13. The competition rules are available to download at <https://www.yukonu.ca/innovation/yukon-innovation-prize>

**6. Checklist for minimum qualification**

Yukon Innovation Prize 2021: Innovation for Recovery			
Yukon University Checklist: Minimum Qualifying Evaluation			
Proponents Name:			
Project Title:			
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1.	Is the application complete?		
2.	Is the innovation clearly described?		
3.	Is the intended use of prize money and advisory services clearly described?		
4.	Is the commercial potential of the project clearly described?		
5.	Does the application suitably describe what skills the applicant/team contribute(s) to project success?		
6.	Does the application demonstrate awareness of gaps in skills/resources and a willingness/interest to learn?		