

## \$10-15,000 LEMELSON-MIT STUDENT PRIZE FOR COLLEGIATE INVENTORS

The Lemelson-MIT Student Prize recognizes undergraduate teams and graduate students who have invented solutions in prize categories that represent significant sectors of the global economy. The recognition that college students receive from winning the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize provides new opportunities and support for students' work as inventors.



“Cure It!”



“Move It!”



“Eat It!”



“Use It!”

### Eligibility requirements include:

- All 2022 Student Prize applicants must be full-time, matriculated, degree-seeking students in the fall semester of 2021 at any U.S. college or university. Postdocs, audit students, and alumni are not eligible.
- **Undergraduate Team Prize (\$10K):** two to five students with the majority of team members being undergraduate students. Must have a tested prototype of one invention that fits into one of the Student Prize categories. Individual undergraduate students cannot apply without a team.
- **Individual Graduate Prize (\$15K):** must have at least two inventions with tested prototypes. Graduate students should choose a primary invention from their portfolio and apply to the prize category that best fits their primary invention. Their second and any additional (if applicable) inventions do not need to be in the same category as the primary invention. There is no graduate student team prize.
- Serve as an inspiration to young people through creativity, outreach or mentoring activities.
- Consider environmental sustainability as an important factor in their inventive work.
- Patents are encouraged but not required.

**The Lemelson-MIT Student Prize is a two-part online application process available through a portal on the Lemelson-MIT website when applications open in Spring of 2021.**

### HISTORY OF THE STUDENT PRIZE

The Lemelson-MIT Student Prize began in 1995 as an annual \$30,000 award to an MIT senior or graduate student. In 2007, two other universities were given the opportunity to nominate senior or graduate students for the annual \$30,000 Student Prize award (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and in 2009, California Institute of Technology was added as a third school in the Lemelson-MIT Collegiate Student Prize Program until 2011. The Student Prize became a national category-based prize competition in 2014 and the program increased the number of awards to two \$15,000 awards for graduate students and two \$10,000 awards for undergraduate teams in two categories (“Cure it” and “Use it”). Two additional categories were added in 2015 (“Eat it” and “Drive it!”) for a total of four award categories in 2015 and thereafter. Currently, the Student Prize program makes up to eight national awards annually to graduate and undergraduate students in the four categories and reaches universities across the country. The “Drive it!” category was renamed to “Move it!” for the 2019 prize.

### HAVE QUESTIONS?

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