



Judge & Mentor Recruitment Email

Subject: Invitation to Participate in Big Ideas - Recommended by [Name]

Hi [Prospective Judge or Mentor],

I was given your name and email by [Name], who recommended I get in touch regarding your interest in judging for an innovation competition, [Big Ideas](#), for which I am the Network Coordinator.

To give you a quick overview, Big Ideas provides funding, support, and encouragement to interdisciplinary teams of undergraduate and graduate students, across 18 campuses in the US, Australia and Uganda, who have 'big ideas' on how to address our world's most pressing social problems.

Each year, we work with 200+ mentors and judges who provide feedback and support for student teams throughout the competition. Students can participate in nine categories to win up to \$15,000 for their ideas, and the deadline for pre-proposals is on November 12th.

Pre-proposal judges should expect to dedicate 4-6 hours throughout 3 weeks from November 16 to December 7 to review proposals. Each judge will review and score between 8-10 three-page pre-proposals and provide detailed feedback on each of them. The review process will be managed entirely online, so that judges can participate remotely in their free time.

Alternatively, mentors are paired with Big Ideas finalists in January based on the skill sets requested by the teams that advance into the next round. Mentors can expect to dedicate 1-2 hours per week of advising to the team for 6-7 weeks.

Is being involved with Big Ideas as a judge and/or mentor something that interests you? If so, please take a look at the attached documents, which have additional information, as well as our [judges page](#), and fill out this Judge & Mentor [application](#) form.

Thanks so much, and please let me know if you have any questions!

Best,

Big Ideas Network Coordinator