

Failure to meet these rules will result in disqualification from the contest.

1. At least one member of each team must be a matriculated student at an eligible campus to enter the contest. Please visit contest category descriptions to view a list of eligible campuses for each category.
2. The Team Lead (primary applicant) will be the main contact person for all Big Ideas communications and must be a matriculated student at an eligible campus at the time of the pre-proposal deadline. The Team Lead has final authority in determining prize disbursement options.
3. Big Ideas projects must be student initiated and student led. Faculty, staff, and external partners may only play an advisory role for student teams.
4. Student teams may submit an application to only one category. If an application is submitted to more than one category, only the first submission received will be reviewed. One student may participate in more than one project team as long as each team submits a unique pre-proposal application.
5. Student teams cannot seek funding from Big Ideas for projects that have previously won a Big Ideas award, unless they are submitting a proposal in the "Scaling Up Big Ideas" category. Teams that have won a Scaling Up award in the past are not eligible to reapply.
6. Prizes will only be awarded for high-quality submissions. Decisions of the judges are final and not subject to appeal.

Please note that many contest categories have category-specific rules. Applicants should carefully review the descriptions for the category to which they are applying.