

CLIMATE INNOVATION CHALLENGE JUDGING PROCESS

Background

The CIC judging process is a two-round, global evaluation designed to ensure fairness, diverse perspectives, and meaningful feedback for all participants.

Key Principle

CAVU staff do not participate in either rounds of judging, ensuring a fair and independent evaluation process.

Round 1

Who

- About **30 judges** from around the world reflecting geographic regions where most submissions originate and diverse backgrounds including:
 - Graduate students, University professors, nonprofit professionals, other climate and education-related careers

What

- Each video is assigned **2 independent judges**
- Judges use the **official CIC rubric** to evaluate submissions Each team receives:
 - A rubric-based score
 - Written feedback highlighting:
 - Strengths
 - Areas for improvement

When & Where

- Conducted virtually, enabling global participation
- Takes place immediately after submissions close

Outcome

- **The top 30 videos** advance to Round 2

Round 2

Who

- **5–7 judges** selected from the Round 1 pool
- Includes a fore panel lead (or co-leads) to guide the process
- Maintains global representation (USA, Africa, India)

What

- Judges review **all 30 finalist videos**
- Engage in a collaborative decision-making process

When & Where

- Conducted virtually, enabling global participation
- Follows completion of Round 1 scoring

Outcome

Final awards are determined

- Top prize winners
- Honorable mentions for all other finalists