



CONTEXTE

« Do you want to implement a project in order to improve human health or the environment, or to build the industry of tomorrow?

Do you wish to gain newskills and reveal your potential?

Would you like to expand your professional networks?

Do you want to practice your soft skills (multidisciplinary team work, intercultural communication experience ...)?

Participate in an internationally renowned interuniversity competition and challenge teams from all over the world! »

The will to go beyond borders and the entrepreneurial spirit of students are both contributing to the visibility and renown of the trainings and research in Nantes. The NExT Initiative offers support to students willing to participate in a competition like iGEM or HYDROcontest or to organize a new world-class multiuniversity competition in Nantes. The competitions will focus on the industry of the future (advanced production technologies or ocean engineering) and the health of the future (innovative biotech, oncology or precision medicine). Volunteer students will be part of a mixed team from several higher education and/or research institutions in Nantes. The participation of teams from Nantes in these competitions will increase the international visibility of the site, foster collaborations between NExT member institutions, develop students talents and create or strengthen links with international university teams.

Awarded students will get fundings and support to implement their project1. The teams will integrate students and supervisors from at least two member institutions of the NExT Initiative (University of Nantes, Ecole Centrale de Nantes, CHU of Nantes2, INSERM, CNRS, ICO, IFSTTAR, IMT Atlantique, INRA, ONIRIS), including at least one of the following: the University of Nantes, the Ecole Centrale de Nantes, CHU of Nantes, INSERM or the CNRS. The call for expressions of interest is open to all students of all levels in all fields of study.



Awarded teams will be eligible for a grant that can cover:

- Dispenses of teaching hours for teachers mentoring a team
- Competition fees
- Purchase of small materials for the competition (consumables)
- Communication costs

- Travel tickets and travel grants for the stay abroad (short stay for the international competition) of the members of the team

Awarded teams will be eligible to get :

- Support to find offices, labs and equipments in order to prepare for the competition
- Support to set up the team (students and mentors)
- Support to increase fundraising



Criteria are the following:

- The target competition is a world-class and an international competition
- The topics of the competition meet with the NExT priority topics



Criteria are the following:

- The applications can be individual or collective (teams already finalized or beeing structured), but the applications of teams already finalized will be favored. Teams that include more than two NExT member institutions, as well as multi-disciplinary teams, will be favored.
- Applicants are encouraged to get co-fundings; thus, applications that include proof of cofundings will be favored.



Projects may be submitted only after having got the approval from their institution administration. Applications can be sent throughout the year but they will be evaluated 3 times a year, after each deadline (see schedule below). The results of the evaluation will be sent to project leaders within 2 months after the deadline for submission of applications.

To submit an application:

Upload the application form on the **NExT Initiative website**

Send an email with the completed application form and a draft budget to aap@next-isite.fr specifying «International Competitions» in the subject of the email. For any further information, send an email to aap@next-isite.fr specifying «International competitions» in the subject of the email.

N.B: Selected students who are planning to travel abroad to participate in a competition should make sure that they are authorized to travel and that they are eligible for a visa in the foreign country, if needed.



Launching of the call for expression of interest VAGUE 1: 1 February 2019, 6pm

Date limite de dépôt des candidatures VAGUE 2 : **1 June 2019, 6pm**Date limite de dépôt des candidatures VAGUE 3 : **1 October 2019, 6pm**