

# Thông tin cuộc thi Tech-I 2015 do American Association for Advancement of Science tổ chức

To Whom it May Concern,

I am currently in the process of reaching out to young science and technology entrepreneurs in the Vietnam and given your institution's work with young business owners, students, technology innovation, and entrepreneurial development, I could think of no better organization to reach out to in order to promote this opportunity to your networks of entrepreneurs! We worked with your institution last year and given the amazing success of Tech-I 2014 we would love to work with you again this year. Last year, Tech-I 2014 received over 2,000 applications, 405,000 global public votes, and of our 30 finalists over half of them are now funded due to the exposure and promotion brought about from involvement with the competition. This is a truly amazing opportunity and this year we are looking to significantly increase the number of applications from Vietnam!

First let me introduce myself, I am Jennifer Roderick and I am a Project Manager here at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Washington DC, USA. I am currently the Project Manager for a Global Entrepreneurship competition ran in conjunction with the US Department of State. This competition is the flagship program of the Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) Initiative.

The competition, [Tech-I](#), is focused on young scientists, innovators, and entrepreneurs, aged between 18-40 years old, who have either an idea or startup in the subject areas of **agriculture, energy, health or information and communication technologies**.

The application is simple, requiring the submission of an executive summary of 750 words and a 90 second promotional video. This year 86 countries are eligible to apply and following an initial expert panel review applications then go to the public vote. The top 30 finalists will then win an all-inclusive paid trip to sub-Saharan Africa in July to participate in the Finals at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit. At the finals, applicants will have the opportunity to win up to \$15,000 USD in individual funding, up to \$70,000 USD in total prize money, a year membership to AAAS, and every finalist will also receive up to 3 months one-on-one mentorship with top experts in their field or subject of interest.

This is an exceptionally exciting competition and here at AAAS we are extremely excited to ensure that all who are eligible to apply have the opportunity to do so.

**Application deadline is March 20, 2015.**

For more information regarding the competition, please feel free to visit [www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i](http://www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i) or contact myself and I will be happy to pass on more information.

For access to promotional materials related to the competition including all documents in Arabic, English, French, Spanish, and Russian, please visit [www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i/materialsandtranslations](http://www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i/materialsandtranslations) . I have also attached a promotional email for distribution to the bottom of this email for ease.

Thank you so much for your time and please feel free to get in touch if you wish to be involved in this project, either through participation or promotion. We are also looking for regional leaders and experts, so if you would like to be involved in a more robust capacity, please feel free to get in touch and we would love to hear from you.

Thank you so much again,

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## Tech-I 2015 Competition Launch

### Tech-I is back!

Following the amazing success of Tech-I 2014 which saw almost 2,000 individuals and teams apply, over 405,000 votes by the global public, and resulted in 30 amazing finalists competing for 14 prizes in Morocco in November 2014, Tech-I is back for another year!

[More Information and APPLY NOW!](#)

### Show the World Your Ideas

Are you a scientist? An entrepreneur? A researcher? An innovator? A student? Are you just someone who has a great idea or startup company and are looking to change the world? Whoever you are, if you have a great idea then Tech-I is for you!

The Tech-I competition is open to everyone between the ages of

18 to 40 years old who has either an idea or a startup in the sectors of agriculture, energy, healthcare, or information communication technology (ICT). Your idea or startup can be an invention, a product, a service, an app, any combination of these, or something entirely unique.

[Learn More](#)

## How to Apply

The application is simple. You need to submit a 750 word summary about your product/idea/service and a 90 promotional video. This year we are doing everything possible to help you through every stage.

[Learn More](#)

We look forward to receiving your application and hopefully you will be one of the 30 finalists to come to sub-Saharan Africa with us in July 2015!

GOOD LUCK!

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