

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

2021 CCIC

*Advancing Student Innovation & Impact*

## What?

The Community College Innovation Challenge (CCIC), led by the American Association of Community Colleges in partnership with the National Science Foundation, is a national competition where community college students, working with a faculty or administrator team mentor, use science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to innovate solutions to real-world problems, attend a **Virtual Innovation Boot Camp**, and compete for **cash awards**. The competition seeks to foster the development of students' innovation, communication, and entrepreneurial skills. It also enables them to discover and demonstrate their capacity to use STEM to make a difference in the world and translate that knowledge into action.

## Who?

Teams of **2 to 4 community college students** with an interest in STEM innovation, entrepreneurialism, and in making a difference; a faculty or administrator team mentor.

## When?

Applications are accepted from **February 18 – April 20, 2021**, by 11:59 p.m. EDT. Required participation in a **Virtual Innovation Boot Camp** for student finalists and their mentors held on **June 14-17, 2021**.

## Where?

Get details and enter at: [www.aaccinnovationchallenge.com](http://www.aaccinnovationchallenge.com).

## Why?

To foster the development of crucial innovation, communication, and entrepreneurial skills to initiate real-world change; network with national student teams, STEM leaders, industry representatives, and entrepreneurs; and compete for cash awards for your **STEM innovation!**

## Questions?

Contact the CCIC team at [CCIC@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:CCIC@aacc.nche.edu).

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