

2026

COMMUNITY COLLEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Advancing Student Innovation & Impact



TEAM PITCH PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

The Innovation Boot Camp will culminate with a Team Pitch Presentation on Thursday, June 11, where each team will advance the merits of their innovation before a panel of distinguished judges, their Boot Camp colleagues, and other Boot Camp attendees. At an appointed time, the students who make up each team will be asked to come up to the front of the room. The team can elect to have a single spokesperson or multiple team members may give the presentation. All team members need to come to the front of the room—as following the pitch presentation—the judges may, and likely will call upon team members to expand on, or clarify, aspects of the team’s pitch during the question and answer period that will follow each presentation. This makes it essential that each team member thoroughly understand all aspects of not only their proposed innovation, but also the team’s pitch presentation.

Rules and Other Pertinent Information Governing the Team Pitch Presentations

- 1 Presentations may not exceed five minutes. Each presentation will be timed. Presenters who exceed five minutes will be summarily cut off.**
- 2 Presentations do not need to be memorized. Teams may use notes or cue card/index cards to assist them in delivering their pitch.**
- 3 Each team may supply one 16:9 PPT slide that best exemplifies its innovation to use as a backdrop during the pitch presentation. The slide needs to be uploaded to a shared folder by noon on Thursday, June 11.**

Slides should be uploaded as a single file named as follows: [Name of Team].PDF where [Name of Team] is replaced by the name of each team’s community college.

NOTE: For any questions or issues with file upload, please see CCIC staff on site at the event.

Slides must:

- Be in a 16:9 horizontal format;
- Be a static slide without animation;
- Be uploaded as a PDF;
- Include the name of the community college; and
- Any image(s) included must be free of watermarks, and be owned, licensed, or used with permission.

Additional considerations:

- Be sure to pick a font readable from the back of the room.
- Do not overwhelm the slide with text or images as your pitch should speak to your innovation.

- 4 Aside from the one slide, the pitch presentations will have no other visual display elements.**

NOTE: Each team will receive considerable instruction, coaching, and practical experience with strategic communication and entrepreneurial skills as part of the Innovation Boot Camp to aid in this presentation.