

Get ready to innovate, Cincinnati!

Cincinnati Innovates competition opens online at www.cincinnatiinnovates.com
May 1

Students, Faculty, and anyone with a great idea/project/product/business is welcome to enter.

Cincinnati is one of the most innovative cities in the world. It boasts one of the highest rates of patent applications per capita in the country. Did you know the Uno card game, the Swiffer, the Heimlich maneuver, Benadryl, the oral polio vaccine, the iron lung, the first ambulance service, Ivory Soap, Pringles, the gas mask, and the 3-light traffic signal were all invented in Cincinnati?

Cincinnati Innovates is a regional innovation competition aimed at channeling this innovative spirit into creating companies, connecting inventors and investors and inspiring entrepreneurship.

It is open to anyone with an idea or an invention who has a connection to Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky/Southeast Indiana.

To enter, visit www.cincinnatiinnovates.com:

- Enter a short description of your innovation – product, business, idea - and upload pictures, video, sketches, or other media to help explain and showcase it.
- Tell your friends about it. The Community Choice Award is driven by online votes.

Details

- The competition is open online at www.cincinnatiinnovates.com from May 1-Sept. 1, 2009.
- Anyone can enter - any age, background, level of expertise.
- Any type of innovation is welcome – product, device, business process, etc.

CincyTech Commercialization Awards

\$20,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000 (sponsored by CincyTech)

Taft Patent Awards

\$10,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000 (in-kind pro-bono legal services applied toward patent applications and prosecution, sponsored by Taft Stettinius & Hollister)

HYPE! Community Choice Award

\$2,000

Student Innovator Award

\$1,000

What's next:

Each week, one innovation will be featured on Soapbox Media, granting exposure to thousands of Cincinnatians.

Judges, including investors and experts from all industry backgrounds, will select the best innovations of 2009 for the top awards.

Awards will be announced at a ceremony on Sept. 18 at the Contemporary Arts Center in downtown Cincinnati.

Visit Cincinnati Innovates at www.cincinnatiinnovates.com to learn more about how to enter, view entries, and vote on the best innovations of 2009 in Greater Cincinnati.

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