STUDENT TRACK

Paso del Norte Venture Competition and Expo 2018 (PDNVC+E) provides a venue for emerging entrepreneurs to expand their networks, develop new opportunities, and become active players in the regional economy.

All the participants will gain exposure to possible investors, judges, and the community in the Expo component that will take place during the Elevator Pitch Competition. We will host two unique competition tracks, one for the university students and one for entrepreneurs launching start-ups in the region.

Over two days the teams will present their new ventures to judges who are successful business people and entrepreneurs. Both tracks will challenge competitors to refine their value propositions and investor presentations, based on their innovative technologies and ideas.

COMPETITION PRIZES

There are cash prizes for the winning teams of the PDNVC+E and in-kind services with additional prizes available for the other levels.

ELIGIBILITY

The PDNVC+E is for student created and managed ventures. Teams will present business plans based on innovative technologies and ideas to judges who are successful business people and entrepreneurs. Teams must submit a written business plan prior to the event and are expected to participate fully in the competition.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST:

1. Have played a major role in conceiving the venture.
2. Have key management roles in the venture.
3. Own at least 51% equity in the venture.
4. The maximum number of students on a competition team is five, although there is no restriction on the total size of the venture’s founding team.
5. Students must be enrolled the academic year in which the competition is held.

NOTE

Non-students may be members of the venture’s management team and may participate in planning the venture. However, only students may participate in the competition.

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Wednesday, December 20, 2017
Submission of intent to compete form

Friday, January 26, 2018
Submission of team intent to participate form

Sunday, February 25, 2018
Submission of electronic copy of the written business plan, team eligibility, release, and prize money forms

March 9 and 10, 2018
Paso del Norte Venture Competition + Expo

For more information about PDNVC+E rules visit: http://pdnvc.org