IDEA^2 Global
2016 Call for Applications — apply by June 15, 2016
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IDEA^2 Global is designed to help biomedical innovators around the world to develop their project ideas and to provide the expertise to realize them. The program seeks to cultivate biomedical leaders by turning their idea into **IDEA^2** by:

+ <u>I</u>dentifying: a worthy area for inquiry or development.
+ <u>D</u>efining: the opportunity, assessing the potential impact, and establishing goals and milestones with a team of expert mentors
+ <u>E</u>nabling: through resources, innovators to focus on the right problem at the right time
+ <u>A</u>ccelerating: progress towards the goal through a network, facilitating to enable connections and associations from all sectors, disciplines, and professions

Why participate?

(1) Turn your idea into a strong project with the help of a network of top-tier advisors from different disciplines, professions, and sectors.
(2) Gain experience in independently defining, articulating, and defending your idea.
(3) Learn techniques for and gain practice in communicating your idea to specialists and non-specialists alike.
(4) Gain access to a network of stakeholders in the biomedical value chain.
(5) Work with Finalists around the world who share innovative spirit to bring new biomedical ideas forward.

Who is eligible?

- Any individual or groups who have an idea for a biomedical research project or business concept.
- Individuals or at least 1 member of a team must be available for the Final Project Presentation in Boston on November 16-17, 2016.

What is the process?

Interested and eligible individuals and teams can submit a short project description for a new or ongoing research project or business idea. Following review, selected individuals and teams are identified as IDEA^2 Global Finalists. Finalists are assigned to Expert Mentors (I2EM) who, over the subsequent 6-month period, provide advice towards the development of a full project. In addition, Finalists are offered multiple training opportunities to refine and enhance their project. Finalists present their full project orally before a diverse review panel. Selected Finalists will be awarded IDEA^2 Global Prizes; an IMES-IDEA^2 Global Prize will be awarded to a team from the MIT/Harvard community.

Important Dates

June 15:	Application deadline (midnight EDT)
June 24:	Finalists announced
June 30:	IDEA^2 Global orientation for Finalists (videoconference)
July 11-12:	Impact Proposition Workshop I (Location, Cambridge, US)
July – Oct:	Assignments to Expert Mentors (ongoing)
Sep 9:	Impact Proposition Workshop II (webex; 2 locations streaming from MIT and Madrid)
October 24:	Project presentation skills training (videoconference)
Nov. 16, 17:	Final Project Presentations (Location, Cambridge, US)
Nov. 21:	Prize recipients announced

How do I apply?

IDEA^2 Global materials and information can be found at idea2.mit.edu

Who should I contact with questions?

Send questions to: info.idea2@mit.edu

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