



Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge Semi-Finals Call for Judges

The **Conrad Foundation** is seeking qualified individuals to help select the *innovators and technical leaders of the future* by serving as a judge in the semifinals and final round of the [Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge](#).

Please sign up at www.conradchallenge.org/judges or email Stephanie Harrington Hurd at info@conradawards.org for more information.

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The Conrad Challenge honors, Apollo 12 astronaut, innovator and entrepreneur, Charles "Pete" Conrad, Jr. In its eighth successful year, the Conrad Challenge is an annual innovation and entrepreneurial student competition that brings together a dynamic community of innovators to develop extraordinary and viable solutions to benefit our world in one of four areas: Aerospace and Aviation, Cyber-Technology and Security, Energy and Environment and Health and Nutrition. This year, there is a special category, Giant Leap to Mars, focused on technology necessary to put a man on Mars.

Teams of 2-5 students from around the world have already successfully completed the first round and have been selected to proceed to the semifinals. Videos from the first-round investor pitches can be found at <http://www.conradchallenge.org/2015semifinalists/>.

Judges are invited to review and score the semifinals round Innovation Portfolios in January, February, and March, 2015. All review and scoring will be completed online through the [Project Lead The Way](#) (PLTW) [Innovation Portal](#), an online tool for scoring innovation portfolios using a standardized, researched-based rubric.

In order to prepare, train, review and score three student team innovation portfolios judges can anticipate 6-10 hours during the time frame of January 12 - February 1, 2015 and March 16 - 27, 2015. Judges will score the first half of each team's Innovation Portfolio by February 1, 2015, and then score the second half in March. Judges will be sent a detailed packet of information for training and will be invited to participate in a one-hour training webinar.

Timeline

- **Judge Training:** *January 8-15, 2015.* Judges will be sent detailed instructions and login information. Judges will each participate in a one-hour training webinar.
- **Semifinals Judging Opens:** *Jan. 19, 2015 5:00 pm EST.*
- **Judging Deadline for First Half of Portfolio:** *February 1, 2015 11:59 pm EST.*
- **Judging for Second Half of Portfolio Opens:** *March 17, 2015 5:00 pm EDT.*
- **Judging Deadline for Second Half of Portfolio:** *March 27, 2015 5:00 pm EDT.*