The Collegiate Inventors Competition
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Award Amount: One grand prize of $50,000 to the student and $10,000 to the advisor; two Graduate Collegiate Inventors Competition awards of $25,000 to the student and $5,000 to the advisor; and two Undergraduate Collegiate Inventors Competition awards of $15,000 to the student and $5,000 to the advisor.

Additional Information: The Collegiate Inventors Competition (CIC) is an international awards program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and is sponsored by the Goodyear Tire & rubber Company, Hewlett-Packard, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. CIC is designed to encourage college students active in science, engineering, mathematics, technology, and creative invention, while stimulating their problem-solving abilities. To participate in this competition, you must be enrolled full-time in any college or university. If you are submitting a team entry—a maximum of four students—at least one member of the team must meet the full-time eligibility criterion. The other team members must have been enrolled, at a minimum, on a part-time basis sometime during the 24-month period prior to the date the entry is submitted. Currently, you or your team can submit entries to the competition an unlimited number of times; however, only one prize per student or team will be awarded. There are also no age requirements. Students under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the student/advisor release form. Inventions submitted are judged on the originality and inventiveness of the new idea, process, or technology. The idea must be complete, workable, and well articulated. Entries are also judged on their potential value to society—socially, environmentally, and economically—and on the range or scope of use.