About the Technovation Challenge

Technovation, a flagship program of non-profit Iridescent, is the world's largest global tech entrepreneurship competition for girls. The free program offers girls around the world the opportunity to learn the necessary skills to emerge as tech entrepreneurs and leaders.

Every year, Technovation challenges 10 to 18 year old girls to build a business plan and mobile app that will address a community problem. Since 2009, over 23,000 girls have participated from over 100 countries.

How to Get Started

1. Create an account at https://my.technovationchallenge.org
2. Have the appropriate consent forms signed
3. Complete the pre-survey
4. Form a team
5. Find a mentor
6. Register for Waterloo workshops at: http://uwaterloo.ca/computer-science/wics/technovation-waterloo/registration

Who Can Participate in the Technovation Challenge?

Girls between the ages of 10 and 18 can form teams of up to five people. Teams with girls 14 years old and younger will be placed in the Junior Division; teams with at least one girl between the ages of 15 and 18 will be placed in the Senior Division.

Teachers, parents or community leaders will lead their team through the Technovation curriculum and meetings as well as provide a safe space with internet access where teams can work.

What Will Teams Learn?

Ideation
Programming
App prototyping
How to conduct user research
How to pitch a business plan
Why technology skills are important

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Timeline

Register and Form Your Team
January
Skills Workshops
January-April
Submission Deadline
April
Waterloo Live Pitch Competition
May