

And the winners are...



We are thrilled to announce the winners of the 2015 Biomimicry Global Design challenge.

Finalist teams from all around the world came to Austin, TX, earlier this week to present their ideas at SXSW Eco, pitch their innovation to a panel of judges, and participate in an awards event at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The judges, including biomimicry pioneer Janine Benyus, chose three teams to receive initial cash prizes.

For the open challenge finalists, this is just the first step. All eight finalist teams have been invited to prototype their solutions in an accelerator program that will award \$100,000 to the top contender in an effort to bring biomimetic solutions to market.

Here are the winners in each category:

OPEN CHALLENGE:

First place (\$10,000) - [The Living Filtration System](#) (Team Penthouse Protozoa, University of Oregon, USA)

Second place (\$7,500) - [Jube](#) (Team BioX, Thailand)

Third place (\$5,000) - [BioNurse](#) (Team CERES, Chile)

People's Choice (\$1000) - [Balcony Cultivator](#) (Team Five4Life, Slovakia)

Read more about the [open challenge finalist teams here](#) and watch their [pitch videos here](#).

STUDENT CHALLENGE:

First place (\$5,000) - [WindChill](#) (University of Calgary, Canada)

Second place (\$3,000) - [PolliSnak](#) (University of California, Long Beach, USA)

Third place (\$1500) - [CLEAR System](#) (Wageningen University, Netherlands)

Congratulations to our student winners, our preliminary open challenge winners, and to all the teams who submitted an entry to the 2015 Challenge.

The 2016 Challenge is open now - another chance to learn biomimicry, get a shot at cash prizes, and work to fix our food system, using nature as inspiration.

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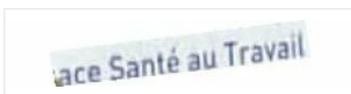
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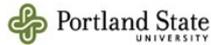
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