



2009 Global Innovation Tournament (GIT)



What is it? The GIT is a fun, creative competition between student teams around the world with the goal of promoting innovative solutions to a global problem. It is one of the official activities of the 2009 Global Entrepreneurship Week co-sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation and UnLeashingIdeas.org. The GIT challenge begins when a common, global problem is announced for contestants who will then develop innovative solutions with as much value as possible. Teams must then **demonstrate their solution** in a three-minute YouTube video for judging locally and globally. Sixty-one universities from 14 countries participated in the 2008 GIT. Participation is expected to grow by 30% in 2009.

Who is coordinating? The Stanford University Technology Ventures Program coordinates the GIT internationally across universities and countries. The RU College of Business & Economics (COBE) is a registered, local partner and student team video submissions will be judged by a panel of RU alumni, civic leaders, and faculty. **Shortly afterwards**, a separate panel of judges selected by Stanford will then select a global winner from local winners around the world.

Who can participate? Any student officially enrolled at an educational institution in the New River or Roanoke Valley. Maximum team size is 15 members. The teams have a total of eight days (Nov. 4 – 13) to create their YouTube video. All student teams must register with the COBE Dean's Office before October 30. A **registration form** can be obtained by downloading it from the COBE website <http://cobe-web.asp.radford.edu/git/>. A website address will be included in the form about how to register on Stanford's GIT website as well (**required**). Please email or return completed form to Ms. Sue Westbrook, sjwestbro@radford.edu, Whitt 135. Registration/participation is free.

Why participate? Students: Have fun becoming a part of an exciting global event by developing an innovative solution to a global problem. Add to your online portfolio for employers or graduate school. Win global recognition and awards for your student organization, your major, and yourself. Faculty: Provide a highly relevant, experiential learning experience in your class. Coach students in applying their knowledge to practical issues they will face in society. GIT supports RU's 7-17 vision of innovative thinking, globalization, and experiential learning.

What are the categories of GIT Awards & Prizes? The first category is Type-of-Team: Independent or representing an RU Student Organization. The second category is based on video content and quality and examples of these can be seen by viewing the 2008 GIT Winners at: http://eweek.stanford.edu/global2008/recognition_global.html

Schedule of Activities and Deadlines

Student Team Registration: Now until October 30, 2009

Global Problem Solving Workshop (optional): Dates - Oct. 13, 15 Location – Heth 044 Time – 4:00-5:00

Video Editing Workshops (optional): MS Movie Maker Dates - Oct. 27,28 Location - Walker 279 Time – 3:30-5:00

Mac iMovie Date - Oct. 29 Location - Walker 279 Time – 3:30-5:00

Stanford University Announcement of Global Issue: November 4, 2:45pm EST (Emailed to registered teams)

YouTube Video Submission Deadline: November 13, 12:00pm EST

RU Judging of Local YouTube Videos: November 17

RU GIT Winner Announcements, Awards & Prizes: November 18, 12:00pm at COBE Lunch, Muse Banquet Hall

RU GIT Winners Submitted to Stanford University: November 20

Stanford University Announcement and Showcase of Global Tournament Winners: December 3



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