
52° North Student Innovation Prize for Geoinformatics Information for Applicants

1. The competition is directed primarily at students of geoinformatics, computer engineering, business information systems and media computing, but entries are also welcome from applicants involved in other fields associated with geoinformatics. The students must not have completed a Masters Degree or Diploma in geoinformatics/informatics/computer science. Applications are requested from small teams of students (2-3 members); applications will also be accepted from individuals (who will be referred to as teams for the purposes of the competition).
 2. The conceptual paper presented by the team should relate to the field of geoinformatics in terms of its function, method, and technology. The breadth and depth of the plan should be appropriate to the current level of knowledge and experience shared by the students in the team. An orderly application is expected and evaluated. All applications must be in English.
 3. The jury will select the prize-winning team from those applications received by the deadline. The jury's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
 4. The prize money will be paid* to the winning team upon successful completion of the following 3 criteria:
 1. prize winning idea (paper)
 2. attendance period: on-site development of idea
 3. final presentationThe team will appoint a spokesperson for these and all other organizational matters.
- *Travel and rent can be reimbursed (upon presentation of receipts) up to 500,- EUR per person. It is also possible to receive advanced payment for travel/rent costs.
5. The winning team should remain in Muenster for at least a month; the period of stay should be agreed upon with the appointed supervisor/coach. For the duration of the stay, the winning team will be given the use of adequately equipped workplaces free of charge, and they will also receive technical supervision from a coach. The winning team will be responsible for all organizational matters relating to their stay in Muenster (travel to and from Muenster, board and lodging, etc.).
 6. The software developed in the course of the work done by the team while in Muenster must be implemented as open source software subject to the conditions of the General Public License and published in 52°North's students' corner repository.
 7. The prize-winning team will receive a certificate, and if desired, a course credit slip for the implemented student project, comprising ECTS credit points (1 credit point for each 30-hour workload). Each member of the team is required to furnish proof of the number of hours of work done on the project. This is to be confirmed by the coach. Recognition of this ECTS certificate is a matter for each student's home university.
 8. Each member of an applicant team must submit a written declaration and a tabular CV along with his or her application. An appropriate form is available (see www.52north.org).