

Announcement for
“Wenhai Cup” International Ocean Innovation Competition
(WOIC)

Qingdao National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology (QNLN) is pleased to announce the Wenhai Cup International Ocean Innovation Competition. The competition is open to innovation project proposals submitted by active students majoring in marine-related programs. All the proposals should address aspects of ocean observation and detection, healthy ocean, and marine development. Participating students are encouraged to create interdisciplinary and innovative proposals.

I. Timeline

1. Present-February 28th, 2020-Registration and Submission at <http://competition.qnlm.ac/WOIC>
2. March, 2020-QNLN staff, WOIC Judging Committee will review the proposals and select 15 from Group A and Group B respectively for final competition.
3. April 22, 2020-Final competition and evaluation start in Qingdao, China.

II. Submission Package

Your submission package should contain the following documents. Only complete package will be forwarded to the Judging Committee.

1. Project proposal

Project proposal should focus its theme on ONLY one topic selected from ocean observation and detection, healthy ocean, and marine development. It should be 3-4 pages in length and contain Purpose, Solutions, and Reference. The document can be text only or with supporting graphics.

2. CV of team supervisor

3. Introduction video

Introduction video should be within 5 minutes, including one-minute to introduce all team-members and project description for 3-4 minutes. Each team member should speak in the video which may contain animations, PPT slides, material displays to present extra information of the Project.

4. A signed Team Information and Verification

III. Rules

1. Eligibility

The Competition is open to undergraduate (Group A) and postgraduate (Group B) students majoring in marine sciences. All the participating students should not graduate prior to the end of the competition.

2. The Judging Committee will pay attention to

(1) Does the project contain original and innovative idea? Is the research purpose fulfilled? Is the topic relevant to the three aspects of the Competition? Is the project proposal well written?

(2) Teamwork spirit and equal contribution of all team members

(3) Effective communication with team supervisor

3. Students are required to consult with a senior research professional who will work as the team supervisor. Member of Judging Committee is not allowed to supervise any student team.

4. Each team should have no more than three students. No team can submit more than one Package. Team leader is the First Author and Presenter of the project proposal. No new member could join in the team after registration.

5. Graduation/curriculum design (thesis), academic papers/dissertations, awarded projects in the other competitions will not be considered.

6. Universities/Research institutions organize the participation of their students in the event are eligible to compete for Excellent Organization Award. We do not limit number of student teams coming from the same university/research institution.

7. Each submitted projects shall not infringe any legal rights and interests of the third-party. All the rights of the awarded project works shall be transferred to the Organizers of the Competition.

8. Organizers of the event does not take legal responsibility for any loss or damage that results from the Competition. All the participating teams must be responsible for their IPR protection.

9. Organizers of the event reserve the right to revoke the award if a project was found to be fraudulent. The Judging Committee reserves the right not to award

any project if the submissions do not meet their standards for Innovative Project.

10. Language: Chinese and English

IV. Awards

1. Gold Award: 60,000 RMB (no more than 1 team from Group A and B)

Team Supervisor: 10,000 RMB

Travel stipends to send the whole winning team to QNLM in China or International Laboratory for High-Resolution Earth System Prediction (iHESP) in the United States or the Centre for Southern Hemisphere Oceans Research (CSHOR) in Australia for one-month internship under the supervision of local professor in marine sciences. Organizers of the Competition will reimburse the round-trip flights (economy class) and local accommodations.

2. Silver Award: 30,000 RMB (no more than 2 teams from Group A and B)

Team Supervisor: 8,000 RMB

Travel stipends to send the whole winning team to QNLM in China for two-week internship under the supervision of local professor in marine sciences. Organizers of the Competition will reimburse the round-trip flights (economy class) and local accommodations.

3. Bronze Award: 10,000 RMB (no more than 5 teams from Group A and B)

Team Supervisor: 5,000 RMB

4. Encouragement Award: 2,000 RMB (no more than 7 teams from Group A and B)

Team Supervisor: 1,000 RMB

5. Excellent Organization Award: 20,000 RMB