

PIN Award Call for Nominations

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Section 1: PIN Awards Overview

1.1 What are the PIN Awards?

The **PIN Awards** recognize communities and student collaborative teams who are making an impactful and transformative difference in local Georgia communities. While most “SMART” awards focus on corporations or individuals, we want to recognize collaborative teams who are using smart technologies to benefit communities in the areas such as sustainability, resiliency, and inclusivity. Many small-scale community research projects that result in strong partnerships, high-level outcomes, and productive research teams go unrecognized for their efforts, but at the Partnership for Inclusive Innovation, we recognize that these projects are the cornerstone of advancing Georgia’s communities.

1.2 Why is there a need?

The Partnership for Inclusive Innovation (PIN) seeks to celebrate efforts that move public innovation forward through teamwork.

Overarching Goals:

- Shine a light on the public innovation that has **social impact** on the state of Georgia
- Focus on **collaborative community and student teams** rather than corporations or individuals
- Promote the sense of accomplishment and pride that local communities have in the **multidisciplinary research** they are applying to improve their quality of life
- Showcase the work happening at a variety of **higher education institutions** including USG schools, Georgia private colleges/universities, and technical colleges

1.3 When is the competition?

A Call for Nominations will go out August 16th, 2021. The application portal will close October 1st, 2021. Judging will take place in the month of October with winners announced in early November.

1.4 Who is eligible?

Community Award: Eligible community teams consist of a community/municipality representative and a researcher from a local higher education institution working together on an innovative community project.

Student Team Award: Eligible student teams consist of students at a local higher education institution leading an innovative community project.

2. Award Details:

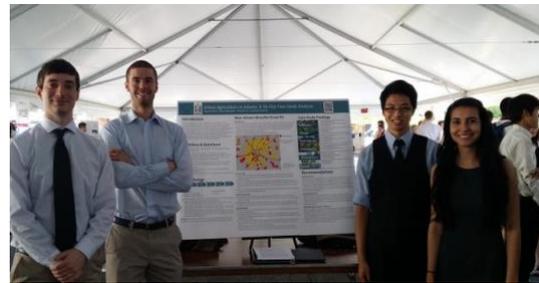
The PIN Awards will have two categories: Student Team Award and Community Award.

2.1 Student Team Award

Theme: Catalyzing Student-Driven Community Research

Description:

Every day in Georgia, university students across the state continue to make a difference in local communities working on impactful community research projects. In this inaugural award offering, the Partnership for Inclusive Innovation (PIN) seeks to showcase Georgia students leading projects resulting in impactful and transformative “smart” change.



Guidelines: We are honoring one Community Research Student Project which, through experiential learning and research, is making a difference through transformative impact in a local Georgia community.

- Project nominees should show a clear connection between the project work and this year’s theme: Catalyzing Student-Driven Community Research
 - Preference will be given to projects that have outcomes with clear relationships to innovative and impactful “smart” solutions in local communities
- Project nominees should be comprised of teams of college students working on a “smart” community project such as a capstone, design studio, internship, volunteer work, etc.
 - Preference will be given to projects that showcase experiential learning across multiple disciplines
- Project nominee work should have occurred within the general timeframe between the months of January 2020 and August 2021.
 - Preference will be given to student teams that have strong ongoing relationships with local universities and communities
- Project nominee work must have a tangible outcome that has public benefit.

- Preference will be given to projects that have noted milestones such as publications, presentations, or other recognition.
- Project nominee should feature multidisciplinary work.
 - Preference will be given to projects that feature interdisciplinary sciences, sectors, or departments.

2.2 Community Award

Theme: Cultivating Change Through Crisis

Description: Research that happens through partnerships between academics and municipalities empowers the local community and provides outcomes that are publicly available to a variety of citizenry. In this inaugural award offering, the Partnership seeks to showcase the work happening through Community Research Co-Creation Project teams across the state of Georgia. A Community Research Co-Creation Project is an initiative facilitated by a team consisting of a community/municipality and a researcher from a local higher education institution. This year, nominees should be those that focused on addressing the effects of Covid-19 in the local community.

Guidelines: We are honoring one Community Research Co-Creation Project that meets the following guidelines:

- Project nominees should show a clear connection between the project work and this year's theme: Cultivating Change Through Crisis
 - Preference will be given to projects that have outcomes with clear relationships to innovative solutions created by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Project nominees should be a joint effort between a local university researcher and a community.
 - Preference will be given to projects with team members from comprehensive and state universities, state colleges, technical colleges, and HBCUs.
- Project nominee work should be completed and have occurred within the general timeframe between the months of January 2020 - August 2021.
 - Preference will be given to teams that have strong ongoing partnerships between researchers, community, and more than one higher education institution.
- Project nominee work must have a tangible outcome that has public benefit.
 - Preference will be given to projects that have noted milestones such as publications, presentations, or manuals.

- Project nominee should feature multidisciplinary work.
 - Preference will be given to projects that feature interdisciplinary sciences, sectors, or departments.

3. Nomination/Application Process

3.1 Application Process

For the community award:

A lead representative from each team should fill out the Award Application found [here](#). Information needed includes name of project, names of all project team members along position and organization, as well as contact information for each, a brief description of the project, a timeline over which the project occurred, outcomes of the project, a list of any publications, presentations or other recognition the project has produced, a description of the project's impact, and a detailed (no more than two pages) description of the project with any pertinent info you would like us to know about the project.

For the student award:

A lead representative from each team should fill out the Award Application found [here](#). Information needed includes name of project, names of all project team members along with year and major, as well as contact information for each, a brief description of the project, a timeline over which the project occurred, outcomes of the project, a list of any publications, presentations or other recognition the project has produced, a description of the project's impact, and a detailed (no more than two pages) description of the project with any pertinent info you would like us to know about the project.

3.2 Judging

The judges for this competition are a distinguished group of both academia and private sector smart city leaders who will use their distinctive background knowledge and expertise to select winning submissions from each of the two categories.



4. Award Benefits

4.1 Cash Award

Student Award – Student team members will split a \$2,500 cash prize evenly and partner communit(ies) will receive equal shares of a \$2,500 cash prize.

Community Award – Project researchers will split a \$2,500 cash prize evenly and partner communit(ies) will receive equal shares of a \$2,500 cash prize.

4.2 SMARTer Together Webinar

Both Student Award and Community Award members will be invited to present their winning presentations at a SMARTer Together Webinar in Spring 2022.

4.3 Award Ceremony

There will be an award ceremony that takes place in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 that honors all award recipients and corresponding research accomplishments.

5. Contact Information

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6. Impact Award Sponsors

Sponsors of the PIN Awards are the [Georgia Chamber of Commerce](#) and the [Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce](#).

7. Frequently Asked Questions

➤ What are the PIN Awards?

The **PIN Awards** are a vehicle to showcase productive community research by honoring one student team and one community team for their research projects occurring between January 2020 and August 2021.

➤ How many categories are there?

There are two categories:

Community Award: An award to honor one Community Research Co-Creation Project **team** working in a State of Georgia community.

Student Award: An award to honor one Community Research Co-Creation Student **team** working in a State of Georgia community.

➤ **When is this competition?**

The PIN Awards submission window is open from August 16th, 2021 – October 1st, 2021. Judging will take place in October with winners announced in early November 2021.

➤ **Who is eligible to participate?**

Community Award: Eligible community teams consist of a community/municipality representative and a researcher from a local higher education institution working together on an innovative community project.

Student Award: Eligible student teams consist of students at a local higher education institution leading an innovative community project.

➤ **What does the nomination process entail? What information is required?**

For the community award:

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For the student award:

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➤ **How are the winners selected?**

The judges for this competition are a distinguished group of both academia and private sector smart city leaders who will use their distinctive background knowledge and expertise to select winning submissions from each of the two categories.

➤ **How will this award benefit myself and my team?**

Team members will receive a cash award to further their research or attend continuing education opportunities to further their goals. The winning teams will be invited to participate in the Partnership for Inclusive Innovation's SMARTer Together Webinar series, where they can amplify the impact of their project by presenting it to a variety of Georgia community members.

➤ **Who should I contact for more information?**

For questions about the community awards, please contact Stephanie Broxton, stephanie.broxton@innovate.gatech.edu. You can schedule a meeting with Stephanie here.

For questions about the student awards, please contact Kristi Kirkland, kristi.kirkland@gatech.edu