

ISRC Leadership Pitch Competition 2026

Official Competition Timeline & Important Dates

Step	Competition Stage	Important Date	Details
Step 1	Application Submission - Free	September 1, 2026 Applications Open November 15, 2026 Application Deadline	Students submit the initial application at no cost. The application includes the project title and an abstract of up to 250 words describing the idea, problem, proposed solution, and potential impact.
Step 2	Proposal Report Submission	November 20, 2026 Selected applicants notified December 1, 2026 Proposal Report Deadline	Selected applicants will receive the official Proposal Report instructions by email and will be invited to continue to Stage 2. A \$75 registration fee is required only after selection for this stage.
Step 3	Finalist Selection	December 10, 2026 Finalists Announced	Submitted proposals will be evaluated by the judging panel based on innovation, feasibility, market need, leadership, impact, and overall quality. The highest-scoring participants will advance to the final round.
Step 4	Final Pitch Presentation	December 20, 2026 Final Pitch Due December 26, 2026 Results Announced	Finalists will submit or present their business or leadership pitch to the judging panel. Students will explain their idea, solution, implementation strategy, leadership approach, and expected impact. Final results will be announced on December 26, 2026.

Note: Applicants are responsible for monitoring the email address provided in their application for official competition communications, selection notices, instructions, and submission information.