



WHAT IS P3? P3 represents *People, Prosperity* and the *Planet*. This competition is focused on benefiting people, promoting prosperity, and protecting the planet through innovative designs to address challenges to sustainability in both the developed and developing world.

WHAT IS THE P3 AWARD COMPETITION? The competition has two phases. Initially, interdisciplinary student teams compete for \$10,000 grants. Recipients use the money to research and develop their design projects during the academic year. Then, in the following spring, all P3 grant recipients attend the P3 Award competition in Washington, D.C.

WHAT IS THE P3 AWARD? The \$75,000 P3 Award is given to the best student designs providing an opportunity to further develop the designs, implement them in the field, and move them to the marketplace.

WHAT CATEGORIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE P3 AWARD? EPA considers challenges from a wide range of categories, including agriculture, built environment, materials and chemicals, energy, information resources, and water.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Institutions of higher education located in the United States are eligible to apply as the recipients of grants to support teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students. Collaboration and partnerships with colleges and universities outside the United States are permitted (and up to 40% of the grant can be contracted to an international partner), but only U.S. institutions are eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY: Application procedures and materials are summarized on the next page and more details can be found at: www.epa.gov/P3.

APPLICATION REVIEW: A peer review panel evaluates all P3 applications based on problem definition; innovation and technical merit; connections to sustainability in terms of P3; measurable results, evaluation method, implementation strategy; and integration of the P3 Award competition as an educational tool. Final funding decisions are made by EPA.

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Below is a summary of the application materials for EPA's P3 Award that must be submitted. You are strongly encouraged to visit the P3 website (www.epa.gov/P3) for complete details and more information about preparing these materials because it is **essential that the application contain all information requested and be submitted in the formats described.** **Submissions can be in electronic or paper form** as described on the website.

- Prepare the following **forms** which can be found at www.epa.gov/ncer/P3/forms/:
 - Standard Form 424
 - Key contacts form
- Prepare a **1-page abstract** in the proper format
- Prepare a **10-page research plan** in the proper format with the following sections:
 - P3 Project Description
 - *Address review criteria questions!*
 - Project Schedule
 - Partnerships (if applicable)
 - Attachments such as references and letters of support
- Prepare a **budget and budget justification** forms in the proper format which can be found at www.epa.gov/ncer/P3/forms/:
 - Standard form 424A
 - Itemized budget
 - Budget justification
- Prepare **resumes** of faculty advisor and student team leads
- Prepare **current and pending support** for the faculty advisor
- Submit application (hardcopy or electronic) between August 15 and December 21, 2006

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