

Collegiate Changemaker Challenge FAQ:

**How many students may participate on each team?**

Due to the free trip to Germany and cash prizes, teams are limited to a maximum of 3 students. If you have more helping you, that is fine and encouraged, but a maximum of 3 can compete, and if your team wins, only those 3 will receive one of the prizes.

**Can a student enter an idea on his or her own?**

No. The Changemaker Challenge is designed to teach using collaboration to achieve a goal. The team aspect is part of the competition. At least two students have to be on a team.

**Who can answer my questions about the challenge?**

Contact Erin Lewis ([EL131@evansville.edu](mailto:EL131@evansville.edu), ext. 5002 or SB 266). You can also text her at 812-449-1044.

**What do we get if we win?**

Each member of the winning team will win a free trip to Germany early this summer (likely mid to late May). The team will get to work with students and faculty at the University of Konstanz at a Social Innovation Conference. This training will provide you invaluable information in a beautiful and fun setting on how to continue the work of your idea. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will win \$1,000 to split amongst themselves, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will win \$500. If you do not place in the top 3, do not despair. All teams will be given resources and connections in the community to continue the work of their project. For example, BikeShare is now in Evansville as a result of two Changemaker Challenge teams – neither of which placed at the competition. They AND the city of Evansville were winners too.

**What if I want to participate but I don't already have an idea or know where to start?**

Contact the Social Innovation Club on Facebook. They are UE students, and many have competed in the Challenge before. They can help you regardless of where you are in the process.

(<https://www.facebook.com/innovationUE/>).

**What if I have an idea but I don't have a team?**

Contact the Social Innovation Club (<https://www.facebook.com/innovationUE/>). They can talk through your idea with you, identify the skills you would need to work on it, and help you reach out to students who might be interested.

**Does our idea have to already be implemented or started to qualify for the challenge?**

No. This competition is for any group of students who has an **IDEA** (not finished product, although that is fine too) that can improve their community or make the world a better place. The idea should be researched well, the presentation effective, and an action plan considered carefully, but students are not expected to have implemented it. This is designed to encourage innovative thinking (but hopefully you'll act on it later)!

**Does our presentation need to include a budget for the cost of our idea?**

Budgets to execute projects are helpful to give a clear picture of your project scope and feasibility. Although full details are not required for the presentation, judges often ask about budget issues to assess the feasibility of your proposal. You'd be wise to research the costs of your idea, and the Institute will provide training on how to do so (see timeline). The score sheet is posted on the website.

**How do I register?**

You will register online by Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, no later than midnight. A link will be posted on the Changemaker website ([www.evansville.edu/cc](http://www.evansville.edu/cc)) and emailed to all who attend the trainings and express interest in joining. It will be a quick form to fill out.

**What happens after I register?**

Once you register your team, the Institute and the Social Innovation Club will have an information session that will help you prepare for the competition. If you have questions at any time, email Erin Lewis (EL131) or text (812-449-1044).

**Will we be able to get in the room before the competition?**

Yes, all teams will be given the opportunity to sign up for an optional practice slot in the competition room. This session will be held on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> (see timeline for details). You'll be given a 20 minute block to have the room to yourself to practice and get familiar with the space. You're welcome to bring in a guest "shark" with you to critique and provide final feedback. The room will be yours. The link to sign up for that will be emailed to all teams who register.

**Where can I get some further resources?****Websites:**

- Everyday-Democracy: <http://www.everyday-democracy.org/resources>
- Ashoka U Student Kit: <https://ashoka.app.box.com/s/ftq5oriqf2gy66ifs52r4a45nflgq4ud>
- A Changemaker's Guide to Storytelling: <https://www.changemakers.com/storytelling>
- Official Competition Site: [www.evansville.edu/cc](http://www.evansville.edu/cc)

**Videos:**

- Introduction to Social Innovation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed0E48boEO4>
- Innovation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Uh1KxcpWz0>
- WHERE GOOD IDEAS COME FROM:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NugRZGDbPFU&list=PLYnvMG2KnNYACoMfKM-ewZUIT7npBYkTD>
- Creativity and Innovation  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXJUDyqobbM&index=2&list=PLYnvMG2KnNYACoMfKM-ewZUIT7npBYkTD>