

Overview of Tech Titans

Tech Titans is a statewide student-run design and idea competition for all Utah college and university students. Targeting the science and engineering fields, this program highlights students' achievements as aspiring inventors, and

- Assists budding student inventors in protecting—and nurturing —ideas.
- Educates students in the idea-to-development process.
- Identifies promising Utah-based inventions, research projects, and partnerships that will impact the world.
- Promotes the work of students, researchers, and industry, especially in Utah.
- Fosters relationships among inventors, universities, businesses, and investors.
- Awards prizes to encourage further research, innovation, and collaboration.

Tech Titans empowers students by providing them with the tools necessary to take their ideas to the next stage of development and marketability. The competition is designed to stimulate, educate and support breakthrough ideas from promising inventors in Utah to impact our community and the world.

What is a Technology Titan?

The word "titan" insinuates greatness. In ancient Greek mythology the Titans were giants who controlled the earth. Today, technology controls our world. Everyday things - transit, commerce, healthcare, relationships - are affected and managed with or through technology. The Tech Titans challenge encourages and supports students in becoming Titans: giants of science and technology who will drive mankind's quest for greatness.

Competition Summary

Each two-page idea/design summary submitted by a student inventor receives a "blind read" by a panel of industry professionals with technical, business, and product development expertise. Ten to fifteen finalists are chosen and invited to present to a second panel of industry experts, followed by a question-and-answer session. Judging is based on the idea's ability to make an impact, scientific feasibility, innovation, merit and commercialization strength. Part of Tech Titan's vision is for students to build their ideas into business plans for entry into the Utah Entrepreneur Challenge and, ultimately, practical products and companies.

Award Luncheon

Immediately following the final round presentations and judging, winners will be recognized and prizes awarded at an Awards Luncheon featuring student finalists, judges and sponsors.

Timeline

August-February.....	Competition promotion and education
November.....	Tech Titans Educational Forum: Protecting Your Idea
January.....	Tech Titans Educational Forum: From Idea to Innovation
February 29, 2008.....	Registration Deadline
March 7, 2008.....	Submission Deadline
March 10-11, 2008.....	First Round Judging
March 12, 2008.....	Announcement of Finalists
March 29, 2008.....	Final Presentations & Awards Luncheon

Please visit www.techtitans.utah.edu for additional information and contact info-techtitans@utah.edu with any questions.

