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Registrations closing: Teenagers worldwide invited to join $100K Earth Prize to solve our toughest eco challenges



▲ The Earth Prize Winners 2023: Team Delavo from Türkiye and team Agripod from the UK - © Timon Bachmann

- The Earth Prize is the world's largest environmental competition and 'ideas incubator' for 13-19 year olds, empowering teens with mentorship and shared US$100K funding
- Seven Winners representing the regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Central & South America, Middle East, Oceania, and Southeast Asia will each win US$10K
- Since 2021, the prize has reached +21,000 youth across 177 countries and territories
- Previous winners are creating real life impact as they scale their solutions
- Registrations close soon for the 2027 edition, on Sunday 10 January

GENEVA, Switzerland - Registrations are closing soon for the sixth edition of The Earth Prize, the world's largest environmental solutions competition and 'ideas incubator' for young people aged 13-19 years. Students worldwide have until **Sunday 10 January to register**, either individually or in a team of up to five.

Since 2021, The Earth Prize has empowered over 21,000 young people across 177 countries and territories. Each year, teams take on challenges that adults have yet to solve, often inspired by climate issues they've witnessed first-hand - from water pollution, to wildfires, to forest degradation. Some students apply with fully formed ideas, while others develop a concept into a working pilot with the guidance of a mentor.

By registering, students also become part of The Earth Foundation community. They can take part in online events, build confidence and leadership skills, gain valuable experience for their CV and connect with a global community of more than 4,500 young innovators on Discord.

There are three main phases to announcing the winners of The Earth Prize. Firstly, 35 young teams from around the globe are selected as Scholars, passing to the next round and each receiving US$500. After improving their projects further, the Adjudicating Panel evaluates and interviews the teams, finally selecting Seven Regional Winners representing the regions of: Africa, Asia, North America, Central and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Oceania & Southeast Asia, each receiving US$10,000 to advance their solution. Finally, a public vote is held to decide who will be crowned the Global Winner.



▲ The Earth Prize 2025 Winner Amara Nwuneli at her pilot eco park opening with students in Ikota, Nigeria. Photo by Peter Okosun.

Previous winners have created pioneering, never-seen-before solutions - from team EcoPurge's biodegradable plastic, to team FloodGate's flooding prediction technology, to team Delavo's laundry machine filter. The top teams have been featured in leading international media including Forbes, BBC and CNN, with several of them advancing their ideas through patents, partnerships and commercial pilots.



▲ The Earth Prize Winner 2026 Arya Satheesh - creator of Eco Purge, a biodegradable plastic that also destroys other microplastics in the environment.

The Earth Prize is run by The Earth Foundation, a non-profit based in Geneva, Switzerland, which was founded during the School Strike for Climate in 2019. At a time when climate anxiety affects a majority of young people - with 59% reporting they are very or extremely worried about the environment - the Prize provides a pathway from concern to action, equipping students with the tools to develop tangible, real-world solutions.

Peter McGarry, Founder of The Earth Foundation, commented:

"As we launch the sixth edition of The Earth Prize, I'm continually inspired by the creativity, determination and ambition of young people around the world. Year after year, and region to region, students demonstrate that they are not only aware of the environmental challenges facing their communities, but are actively developing innovative solutions to address them. What makes The Earth Prize so special is seeing how these ideas can have the potential to create a much wider impact. Our role is to give young innovators the tools, support and confidence to turn their ideas into reality. I'm excited to see what this new generation of changemakers will bring forward and how they will help shape a more sustainable future."

For those wondering whether to apply, 17-year-old Sumedh Kotrannava, who won The Earth Prize in 2024 as part of team FloodGate, explained:

"One way to describe The Earth Prize is unparalleled. The opportunities that you're going to get from competing in this competition are just going to drive your passion and your project to the next level. I think our generation is starting to really spark change and innovate new solutions, and I'm really excited to see in the next twenty years or so what we are going to do."

Register your interest for The Earth Prize 2027 at www.theearthprize.org before Sunday 10 January.

About The Earth Prize

The Earth Foundation is a Geneva-based non-profit that empowers, educates and inspires young people to tackle environmental challenges. Founded in response to the 2019 student-led climate rallies, it launched its flagship initiative, The Earth Prize, the world's largest environmental competition and 'ideas incubator' for young people. The competition aims to inspire and empower the next generation of environmental innovators, supporting participants with the tools they need to develop eco solutions for real-world impact, including one-on-one mentoring, learning resources and $100,000 shared funding for the winners. Since 2019, The Earth Prize has reached over 21,000 students across 169 countries and territories, and awarded over $500,000.

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