



Switch Competition

SHAPING TOMORROW'S ENERGY LEADERS



OVERVIEW

University students from all over the world compete virtually for **\$25,000 USD** in prize money as they identify solutions to one of today's most pressing issues - global energy poverty.

SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Teams submit applications
Volunteers register as judges, mentors

OCTOBER

Teams receive prompt and packet,
work problem, & submit
presentations

NOVEMBER

3 rounds of judging, top five
teams compete in a virtual, live
final round

GLOBAL ENERGY POVERTY SOLUTIONS

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Teams have three weeks to research the problem, create a PowerPoint, and film a 15-minute video explaining their solution. Judges review and score video presentations to determine the winners.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Teams consist of 3-4 students, 2 of whom must be undergraduates; remaining team members may be graduate students. Team members do not have to be from the same school or country, and any major qualifies.

JUDGES AND MENTORS

Energy professionals from diverse fields, countries, and organizations (business, academic, government, nonprofit, etc.) will mentor teams and judge the competition.



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STUDENT BENEFITS

- Gain experience virtually working and communicating with a remote team
- Obtain a deep understanding of a critical global energy issue
- Receive broad recognition by competing in an international competition
- Hone your leadership skills and engage with a global energy non-profit
- Network with energy professionals
- Compete for cash prizes while developing research and communication skills

FACULTY BENEFITS

- Increase student engagement in classroom topics, discussions
- Complement course curriculum with expert-driven, trusted SEA content
- Enhance student understanding of complex scenarios
- Use SComp student participation as a class assignment or opportunity to earn extra credit

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

- Contribute your knowledge and inspire students to become more informed about energy options and their impact
- Provide guidance and encouragement as teams develop solutions to global poverty
- Virtually mentor student teams as they progress through the competition
- Virtually judge student team submissions to select the top 5 finalists

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Promote the Switch Competition with your students, encourage them to form a team
Volunteer to be a Mentor or Judge
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