



## The BCNET Broadband Innovation Challenge Adjudication Process

The BCNET Broadband Adjudication Committee is a panel of technology experts from academia, government and high-tech industry leaders. Their purpose is to provide guidance for determining the competition rules, application process as well as adjudication for the competition.

The 2009 Broadband Innovation Challenge Adjudication Procedure:

1. Student project submissions will be categorized as diploma, undergraduate or graduate and will be evaluated within their respective categories; IE graduate students **will not be** evaluated against undergraduate students.
2. The Intentions to Apply Forms will be reviewed by BCNET after the February 16, 2009 deadline.
3. If the student project is approved, BCNET will contact students and request that they complete the application process.
4. The application must be completed by March 16, 2009.
- 5. After the March 16, 2009 deadline, the Adjudication Committee will individually rank project submissions based on the criteria as follows: network utilization, technological innovation and the possibility for community or commercialization uses.**
6. Rankings will be compared and the lowest ranking applications will be eliminated.
7. The students with the highest ranking projects will be invited to present their project before the BCNET Broadband Innovation Challenge Adjudication Committee.
8. Students will be given 30 minutes to present their application before the Adjudication Committee and 15 minutes for questions and answers. After each presentation, the committee will rank each student from 0-5 under each criterion; with 5 being a perfect score.

Criteria include:

- Technical difficulty
- Network utilization
- Possible community or commercialization uses
- Technological Innovation
- Collaboration
- Presentation
- Video submission

The adjudication committee will agree on how these criteria will be interpreted. Based on the above criteria and the finalist or finalists' presentation, the committee will determine the winners.

### **Awards**

1. Funds raised from BCNET corporate sponsor organizations shall be awarded to the finalists.
2. The adjudication committee will determine whether one or more projects should be awarded prizes.
3. The finalists will be notified by telephone and email and will be asked to present their project at the 2009 BCNET Conference. The first, second and third place competition winners will be announced during the 2009 BCNET Annual Conference
4. The contest winners will be given free registration to the conference, and if they reside outside Vancouver, travel expenses will be covered or reimbursed.