

Amazon Longitude Explorer Prize Finalists: Frequently Asked Questions

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Enterprise Academy

Do pupils all need access to individual computers for the online workshops, the introductory session and the private sessions?

- ***The welcome event on the 28 April at 12pm will be an informational session for Team Champions only. During the session we will cover Timeline & deadlines, the Final submission , 1:1 support available, the Events and time for Q&A.***
- ***For the two events on the 6 and 20 of May, we understand that not all students may have access to a computer although we would encourage this it is possible. However you will only need to join the online event via one person's computer for the whole group to then listen.***
- ***It would be helpful if groups have an additional laptop they can work from, however it is not essential. We will work with workshop providers to ensure all students can take part regardless of whether they have their own laptop - there will be plenty of offline learning.***

Do you have more specific times for the online workshops?

- ***Yes, both on the 6 and the 20 May, the events will begin at 12:30 pm and end at 16:00 pm. Please note that there will only be short breaks between sessions however these will all be recorded and available to go back to after the events.***
- ***There will not be a specific lunch break as the timetable is for three consecutive workshops however teams are welcome to bring their lunch, drop in and out the sessions. There is also the expense allowance for subsistence - Reimbursement for a snack, small meal or soft drink for the team members and team champions participating in the live workshops on the 6 and 20 May 2021 of up to £5 per person. Please note we can only cover the costs of the teams involved in the Prize. Full expense guidance is attached in the regular communications, any questions please email explorer@nesta.org.uk***

Some of my students won't be able to attend the workshops due to GCSE commitments, will there be recordings and other opportunities?

- ***We understand that teams may have other commitments due to their examinations and while we encourage teams to attend the live events we will also be recording these sessions and making all the resources available via the website on the dedicated Finalists page.***

Final submission - Deadline Extension to 18 June 2021

In terms of the finalist phase just to clarify for an idea that is being developed would it be a prototype? Also would this include a business solution of how this prototype would fit with the criteria set in our initial application?

- ***For the final submission teams will be asked to submit two items:***
 1. ***A complete business plan workbook as a word document and pdf (the workbook template will be shared).***

2. A 2 minute video pitch (2.5 minutes at maximum) as an MP4, MOV, MPEG ([Further guidance on the pitch](#))

- **The deadline for the final submission has been extended to Friday 18 June 2021 at 17:00 PM.**
- Teams are asked to present a prototype, working model or technical diagram as part of their Final submission, with an opportunity to do this in both parts of the submission (the workbook and pitch video).
- The final submission will be an opportunity to evidence how the team has further developed the original idea they submitted in their application form. Further information and guidance about the final submission will be provided throughout the Finalist stage.

Does the pitch video have to be done by just the team, or can they rope in other students?

- The team can use other students, staff etc. in their pitch if they think this will help illustrate their idea better for the judges; however please do make it clear who is in the team and who isn't. For further information on the video pitch please [review this guidance](#).

Do other students in the video presentation also need a consent form?

- Yes, if they are clearly identifiable in the video presentation then we would ask that you have an image release form for them as well. If the team does not want their video pitch to be shared please inform us when making your final submission.

Is the winning pitch from last year available to view?

- Yes, you can watch it here:
<https://longitudeexplorer2019.challenges.org/winners/>

Mentors

Do we have to use the mentors?

- No, the use of your dedicated mentor is optional however they are here to support your team and can be flexible with how they do this. For example, if your team does not have time for group calls then they could also share work for the mentor to review and feedback on instead.
- The Brightside mentoring platform which allows a safe, moderated group chat between the team and mentors can also be used. If you would like to get your team set up please email hannah.picton@nesta.org.uk
- If you do not wish to use your mentor at all please let the ALEP team know as soon as possible so we can reassign them to another team. Thank you.

Other 1:1 support

How can Team Champions book 1:1 Tech support and 1:1 Pitch support sessions?

- We have shared the Calendly scheduling links with Team Champions in our regular Tuesday communications. If you cannot locate these in your emails please let us know at explorer@nesta.org.uk

- ***Please note these places are limited so to ensure you get a slot and a time that suits your team we recommend booking this as soon as possible.***

People's Choice Award

Is there a prize for the People's Choice Award?

- ***Yes, the winning school or youth group will receive a grant of up to £5,000.***

When will the People's Choice Award open and close?

- ***Voting will commence from the 11th to the 2nd of June.***
- ***Teams will be provided with further details and assets to support them to promote their ideas in their community and beyond. Our communications partner will also be doing general promotion of the opportunity.***

General

If I have another student that wants to be involved, can they be added into the team?

- ***Yes - as long as the team remains between 2-5 young people. Please email the team with the relevant information and consent forms (both participation and image release) at explorer@nesta.org.uk***

Other than the prizes for the school, are there any individual prizes for the pupils?

- ***Yes, there will be individual prizes for both students and Team Champions. Further information on what these will look like will be outlined further down the programme.***