

# Getting Started Checklist | State of Innovation Challenge

**Teachers/Program Leaders:** Use this guide as a reference to:

1. **plan** your engagement with the challenge,
2. **connect** with the network available through the challenge, and
3. help your students **submit** their challenge responses.

**Independent Participants:** Independent Participants are youth who are creating Challenge solutions without the support of a teacher or an adult advisor. If you are an independent participant, you should:

- Check out the challenges page, watch the case videos, and use the background information provided to help you
- Pick the [project type](#) you want to work on — Nano, Micro, or Macro
- Join the [industry engagement sessions](#) that interest you
- Review the [submission guidelines](#) and submit your challenge through the [portal](#)

## Plan.

- Pick your case(s) and your problem(s).**
  - Watch the case videos and review the instructional guides** and decide which you will work on. Involve participating youth in the decision -- they can choose to work on the same problem, or different problems
  - Instructional Guides can be found on the Getting Started page and the Challenge pages of the [website](#)
  - Note: Youth can work on projects individually, in small groups, or can submit a single project for the entire class/club/organization.
- Pick your depth.**
  - Review the submission guidelines** and decide what type of project fits your capacity (Nano, Micro, or Macro)
- Develop your lessons.**
  - Use the instructional guides to develop lesson or activity plans to implement the challenge with youth. Need inspiration? Look at the example lessons in the lesson bank
- Ask for help!** Sign up for 1/1 “office hours” support here.

## Connect.

### Help youth **explore related industries**

- Share video content and resources from the Industry Connections page to help youth dive deeper into careers related to the Challenge cases

### Join industry engagement Zoom webinars

- Youth can learn directly from industry leaders about career paths in Washington and how industries are dealing with 2020 challenges
- Have youth [sign up for the industry engagement sessions](#) that most interest them -- they can join any session!
- Use our prep and process tool from [Junior Achievement](#) to help youth get the most out of the engagement, or create one of your own

### Share **postsecondary resources**

- Youth can [explore options](#) for pursuing careers related to the Challenge beyond high school with our postsecondary pathways resources
- Share information about [financial aid opportunities](#) through Washington College Grant and Washington State Opportunity Scholarship

## Submit.

Get awarded for the most creative solution

### Review submission options and guidelines

- Read through guidelines [here](#)

### Make a submission plan with your students

- Given your chosen case, depth, and lessons, make a plan for submitting the project

### Submit!

- [Submit solutions through the portal](#). Make sure to bake in some lead time in case you or your students need to connect with us about submission questions

**If you have any questions, you can contact the project team at [stateofinnovationwa@gmail.com](mailto:stateofinnovationwa@gmail.com)**

