



# 2021 Judge Role Descriptions

## **City Essay (1 hour per Submission from your home or office)**

Score the city essays submitted by Teams describing their city, focusing on the theme for this year. In a 1,500-word essay, students describe their city, outline their solution and describe how it works. Each judge will be assigned 2 to 4 submissions depending on the number of judges who sign up for this role. Each submittal takes approximately 1 hour to judge. Follow along with the “City Essay Grading Rubric” (on the Judge Information page) as you’re grading the essays and input the scores into CMS when you are finished.

## **City Model (1 hour per Submission from your home or office)**

The teams will prepare a slideshow presentation showing their model or model segments. The presentation will highlight their model via photos, a link to a short video of the moving part, and a brief description of their work. Each judge will be assigned 2 to 4 submissions depending on the number of judges who sign up for this role. Each submittal takes approximately 1 hour to judge.

## **City Presentation (1 hour per Submission from your home or office)**

The teams will record a 7-minute video presentation with three presenters. The presentation will be posted online and a link will be provided to each judge. Each judge will be assigned 2 to 4 submissions depending on the number of judges who sign up for this role. Each submittal takes approximately 1 hour to judge.

## **Live Q&A (February 13, 2021)**

This year, the Q&A portion of the program will be completed separate from the City Presentation. The three students representing the team in the Q&A do not have to be the same three students who represented the team in the City Presentation, and they will have 10 minutes to answer questions from a panel of judges on all aspects of their project. The Q&A will take place virtually using Zoom software. The recorded presentation will be played followed by the Q&A session. Each Q&A session will have 5 to 6 judges. Each judge will provide a separate score using CMS.

## **Competition Day – Finals – City Presentation & Live Q&A (one evening the week of February 14 to February 19, 2021)**

During the competition Finals, the top 3 teams will participate. The recorded 7-minute video presentation will be scored by each presentation judge. There will be three live Q&A sessions, one for each team. For the final judging, the recorded presentation will be played followed by the Q&A session. Each live Q&A judge will score each team and submit a separate score using CMS. There will be 5 presentation judges and 5 live Q&A judges. A total of 10 finals judges are needed.



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## **Special Awards (from your home or office and February 13, 2021)**

Each Special Award judge will have 1 category assigned to them. The categories are: *General Transportation, Innovative Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy, Planning, Architecture, and Environmental*. There are 5 to 6 related awards within each category; we will send you a list of awards and descriptions. We have asked each school to fill out a "Special Awards Form" where the schools rated the categories they were strongest in or most desired an award. From this "Special Awards Form" we (Heather and Amanda) will nominate 6 teams for consideration in each category, each team will be considered for 2 award categories. More details will be provided on the method of determining Special Awards assignments.

More details will be released on the specifics of each role as Competition Day gets closer. If at any time you have questions about the judging roles or which one will be best suited for you, please reach out to your Judge Coordinators (Amanda Joy and Heather Wyld) at [fcc.albany.judge@outlook.com](mailto:fcc.albany.judge@outlook.com)