

# Map the System 2021 Social Innovation Challenge

## Are you ready to change the world?

Tackling global challenges starts with understanding a problem and its wider context. [Map the System 2021](#) is a competition that challenges you to explore the issues that matter to you, think differently about social and environmental change, and share your findings with the world.

- Join a movement that values understanding problems *before* proposing solutions.
- Develop your systems-level thinking, research, and changemaking skills.
- Receive guidance, coaching, and support via workshops and office hours.
- Gain insight to launch your own social venture or social innovation project.
- Pitch ideas to win cash prizes and a chance to compete in the Global Finals.

## Map the System is open to all University of Illinois students.

Apply as an individual or in a team of up to 5 members. At least one participant must be a current Illinois student. Recent alumni, non-students, or students from another institution may join an eligible Illinois team. An [Illinois team won 2nd place](#) among 31 finalists in the Map the System 2020 Global Finals and was awarded £3,000 for their project on menstrual inequity in the United States.

## Take action: Join the OVAEL Map the System email list.

[Sign up here](#) to receive updates about information sessions, workshops, key deadlines, and details about the campus semi-final and global competition.

## Do you have questions?

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