

Innovators Under 35 Processes

Ethics Statement:

- MIT Technology Review adheres to the traditional best practices of journalism. The guiding principles are based on our responsibility to the reader to produce accurate, fair, and independent editorial.
- **Policy to Participate:** For Innovators Under 35, all stakeholders (applicants, judges, staff, and sponsors) have agreed to adhere to the ethics statement.
- **Business Courtesies:** Accepting or offering business courtesies in the form of gifts, money, favors, or other from or to applicants, judges, staff, and sponsors are strictly prohibited.
- **Avoid conflicts of interest:** activities or relationships that might impair or appear to impair our ability to make objective and fair decisions in selecting our Innovators Under 35 are not permitted
- **Qualifying Criteria:** MIT Technology Review is dedicated to ethical, fair, and vigorous competition. We will select applicants to the Innovators Under 35 list based on merit, superior quality, and qualifying criteria for the competition.
- **Grounds for disqualification:** Any participating stakeholders (applicants, judges, staff, and sponsors) that do not adhere to the ethics statement will be disqualified and/or removed from participation and contribution immediately and in perpetuity.

Mission:

We recognize and celebrate outstanding innovators who are younger than 35 years of age. We are searching for individuals whose superb technical work promises to shape the coming decades. Our goal is to recognize the development of new technologies or the creative application of existing technologies, to solve the world's biggest problems. We reward ingenious and elegant work that matters to the world at large – not just to peers in a particular field or industry. For each individual, we are able to point to at least one or more significant technological contributions over the last year; we then evaluate how those contributions are impacting society today. It is key that for each innovator we're able to point to a specific advance.