

Rules

1. Teams may be formed as individuals or in groups, max number of people per team is 4;
2. This initiative is open to all the IPC community^{1,2};
3. Teams can be set up when ready³;
4. The project can start as soon as you're ready to do it. But, keep in mind that since the evaluation of the project's merit will take place near the end of the school year, the sooner you start, the more time you'll have to develop it;
5. Projects must be sent for approval to the Fikalab ISEC commission⁴, using the online form, and must contain the team members' names and contact, team leader and a brief description of the project (plus a few extra details);
6. Team members can be changed later on, with prior notification of the Fikalab ISEC commission;
7. The Fikalab ISEC commission is responsible for accepting/rejecting submissions and publishing them in the Fikalab ISEC site at www.fikalab.pt/isec;
8. The promotion, marketing, and management of the teamwork is the responsibility of the team, headed by the team leader. It can start as soon as the project submission is accepted;
9. The Fikalab ISEC has a comprehensive list of kits in its [current inventory](#). Users are required to choose parts from this inventory. If some specific part is necessary for the project, and is not available nor a compatible part can be identified in the current inventory, users are allowed to use their budget according to the limits in the next section;
10. Additional to the lab material and lab cloud service subscriptions, each project will have a budget of up to 300€ for additional hardware components and design services;
11. The ownership of the assets designed, purchased or developed in the projects follow the general rule of the Fikalab ISEC and become a property of Critical Software⁵;
12. The project can use any materials, services, and tools available in the lab and technology developed in full by the team⁶;
13. Lab equipment can be used by any team⁷;

The following rules apply to the challenge only:

14. The winning team will be voted by a program jury designated by the Fikalab ISEC commission. There is only a single prize and the winning project is the one with more votes.

15. To be considered an eligible project there is a minimum level of quality that needs to be accomplished. The lab commission will do this evaluation and provide the projects eligible for voting to the program jury. Only accepted projects will go under voting. The accepted projects shall be announced until July⁸. If a project is not eligible the team or individual applicant will be declassified;
16. The prize will be released to the winning individual or team at once. It's up to the team leader and the rest of the team to decide how to use or share the prize. On written request from the team leader, the prize can be provided in credit for other goods, such as travel for conferences, conference fees, technology or other knowledge resources. The credit amount is limited by the estimated commercial value of the prize as determined by the commission and it's up to the discretion of the commission to accept and to procure a supplier for those goods.
17. Challenge schedule⁸:

Evaluation of new projects	Submission for the challenge	Challenge results
December (current year)	July (next year)	July (next year)

Footnotes:

1. Team leaders must be IPC students and will be the main Point of Contact (PoC) between the team and the FikalabFikalab commission until the end of the project;
2. Due to logistics constraints, the number of applications that will be accepted is limited. There will be a limit of 10 to 12 projects per year. Teams may include people from outside IPC. At least 1 member should be an IPC student and at most 1 member may be from outside IPC. The members that are not part of ISEC must be validated to guarantee they have conditions to access Fikalab and ISEC facilities and systems.
3. For the approval of the projects there will be an evaluation period. Submit your idea as soon as possible. Curricular projects can also be submitted, with a limit of 50% each year. After the approval of the project, the team must prepare a presentation;
4. Fikalab ISEC commission is composed of members of ISEC and Critical Software, namely Professor João Cunha (DEIS-ISEC), Professor Pedro Amaro (DEE-ISEC), António Alves (Critical Software), Benjamim Cardoso (Critical Software) and Gonçalo Silva (Critical Software);
5. This includes the hardware and software purchased or developed in the project's context;
6. It is not allowed to buy external software/hardware components to incorporate into the application without prior approval of the Fikalab ISEC commission. For these projects, it is mandatory to use the platform hardware and software ecosystem formed by the hardware, SDKs, BSPs SaaS, PaaS, IaaS and software frameworks identified, proposed and/or approved by the Fikalab ISEC commission. The same applies to the incorporation of free software solutions;
7. The lab equipment can be used according to a gentleman's agreement between teams. If an agreement can't be reached, the time will be sliced between teams. If the lab commission detects that a team or individual is not using any scheduled material or tool, it will be removed and provided to other teams that may have requested it;
8. The submission and results dates may be rescheduled (e.g. occur in September/October);