



Season 2022



Los Angeles County has a master plan for a positive future called [OurCounty LA](#). The plan sets out to enrich the region through justice and community resilience. With the help of Southland colleges and universities, Pando Days takes up the challenge of helping to implement the plan.

# HOW IT WORKS

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We're inviting Southland colleges and universities to participate in addressing these needs in our program.

**1.**

## Challenge

Each of the school teams chooses a challenge to focus on from a main category: habitat, climate, spirit, health, communications. They each submit a summary description for how they propose to meet the challenge and the team that will be involved.

**2.**

## Selection

From the pool of submissions, we select teams that offer the most ingenious solutions and hold the greatest potential to help meet the goals of the County sustainability plan.

**3.**

## Development

Selected college and university teams develop initiatives focused on their chosen challenges, culminating in dedicated courses/labs/studios over the fall term..

**4.**

## Finale

At the end of the year, we showcase all projects and seed opportunities for the best to move forward and improve their communities. Judges select winners and award cash prizes to assist with project implementation.

# Deliverables and Criteria

## Expected deliverables include:

- **SUMMARY INFORMATION:** Includes project title with a short descriptive subtitle plus one sentence description of the project. Also includes one or more project images. (See [previous Pando Days submissions](#) for examples.)
- **PITCH DECK:** Describes the challenge, the need, and the solution.
- **WRITTEN PROPOSAL:** A project description that includes summary description; needs statement specific to your chosen Challenge and related OurCountyLA goal(s); description of the way your project is a solution to critical needs; your implementation strategy; key personnel and team participants; and budget for proposed next steps.
- **SUPPORTING MATERIALS:** Provide as much as needed to explain and enhance your initiative including video, renderings, models and/or other visual modes as appropriate to your project.

## Criteria for judging include:

- Interpretation and application of Challenge and related LA County goal(s), 25%
- Responsiveness to community stakeholders, 25%
- Innovation (new approaches) and/or creativity (execution of ideas), 25%
- Implementation strategy and viability, 25%

# Schedule

Time Period	Activities	Time Period	Activities
April 27	Launch event for all interested parties: client partners pitch their categories	September	Pando Days Blitz; all-college brainstorming event, online
May 27	One-page submissions per category for interested schools	Fall	Project and course/lab development
Early June	Notification of acceptance	December	Premiere Presentations
Summer	Introduce project concepts to public agencies		Finale

# Thank you



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