

CAI Builds Upon Its Empire of Impact with the Future of Health Innovation Tournament Challenge



FUTURE OF HEALTH INNOVATION TOURNAMENT CHALLENGE

Bethesda, Maryland Oct 23, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Center for Advancing Innovation (CAI) today announced the Future of Health Innovation Tournament Challenge (FHITC). It is a **TOURNAMENT** AND A CHALLENGE to enhance human health and performance! For the first time, a CAI initiative will have a Grand Champion.

CAI's new global competition will source and launch more than 15 high-growth startups over twelve months. FHITC will catalyze solutions at the intersection of biotechnology — medical technology, genomics, and synthetic biology — with artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing to advance human health and performance on Earth and in space. Activities will run virtually and in person, with events centered in the Washington, D.C. and Dallas-Fort Worth metro areas. Entry is rolling, and participation is open worldwide.

How is this challenge completely differentiated? It's not just a challenge; it's a TOURNAMENT and ALSO a challenge. There will be 15+ winners, but only one Grand Champion. Exciting details are forthcoming at <https://bit.ly/fhitc>.

There are three ways to participate in FHITC:

1. Entrepreneurs will form new companies or join existing startups
2. Subject-matter experts such as scientists, clinicians, engineers, operators, and investors will recruit, mentor, advise, or judge teams
3. Intern with CAI to build in-house startups with access to CAI's **trade secret** knowledge base

Through FHITC, CAI will match Entrepreneurs and Interns with the most promising of 170,000+ U.S. taxpayer-funded technologies available for licensing from CAI's 150+ research partners. Participants will gain targeted entrepreneurial skill-building and access to the top 40+ webinars on the business of science from CAI's award-winning accelerator program while competing to accelerate commercialization, create jobs, and raise capital through 3+ investor forums.

Since 2015, more than 460 CAI startups have collectively raised over \$2.8 billion and created over 3,200 direct jobs. Startups that win CAI challenges raise an average of \$10 million, outperforming other biotech and deeptech accelerators. FHITC teams will build on this success using CAI's evidence-based diligence, challenge-based accelerator, and lean scale-up model.

Rosemarie Truman, Founder and CEO of CAI, said, "Launching FHITC during DC Startup & Tech Week highlights our commitment to unite the nation's top innovators and investors. FHITC is about fusing frontier sciences with advanced computation to unlock category-defining companies and shape the future of health."

Sheri Sobrato, philanthropist and CAI Advisor, reflected on CAI's enduring legacy: "These companies are built one step at a time, one brick at a time, one startup at a time. It's an empire of impact that stands where there once was just a lot of dust."

Interested innovators and experts can express their interest on a rolling basis by completing the short form at <https://bit.ly/fhitc>.

ABOUT CAI

The Center for Advancing Innovation (CAI) is a global public-private partnership and nonprofit dedicated to accelerating technology commercialization to ignite entrepreneurship, strengthen the economy, and maximize the potential of promising inventions. CAI's award-winning challenge-based accelerator, rigorous evidence-based due diligence, and capital-efficient, lean management models serve to hyper-accelerate high-performing startups and deliver outsized investor returns. Learn more at <https://www.centerforadvancinginnovation.com>.

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