

TENWEST IDEAFUNDING

2026 Pitch Competition & Training Schedule

**Please read the following carefully before submitting your application.
All applicants must ensure that they or someone from their team will
be available to participate in the key dates of the competition.**

JANUARY 9	APPLICATIONS OPEN
JANUARY 13	PITCH TRAINING & FOUNDER ORIENTATION Location: ZOOM Time: 5:30PM-6:30PM
JANUARY 22	PITCH TRAINING & FOUNDER ORIENTATION Location: ZOOM Time: 12:00PM-1:00PM
FEBRUARY 1	APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FEBRUARY 11	APPLICANTS NOTIFIED OF ADVANCEMENT TO ROUND 1
FEBRUARY 16-20	OFFICE HOURS TO PREPARE FOR ROUND 1 PITCHES (OPTIONAL) Location: ZOOM Time: Flexible booking of 30-minute Individual Slots
FEBRUARY 25	ROUND 1 PITCH DECKS DUE BY MIDNIGHT (REQUIRED)
MARCH 2 & 3	ROUND 1: CREATIVE & COMMUNITY INNOVATION TRACK (REQUIRED) Location: Startup Tucson Time: 3:00PM-5:30PM *Teams will have the option of choosing to pitch on the 2nd or 3rd
MARCH 4 & 5	ROUND 1: TECH STARTUP TRACK (REQUIRED) Location: Startup Tucson Time: 3:00PM-5:30PM *Teams will have the option of choosing to pitch on the 4th or 5th
MARCH 9	ROUND 1 PARTICIPANTS NOTIFIED OF ADVANCEMENT TO DAY-OF TRACK FINALS
MARCH 10-20	OFFICE HOURS TO PREPARE FOR DAY-OF TRACK FINALS (OPTIONAL) Location: ZOOM Time: Flexible booking of 30-minute Individual Slots
MARCH TBA	FOUNDER FILMING DAY (REQUIRED)
MARCH 23	DAY-OF TRACK FINALIST PITCH DECKS DUE BY MIDNIGHT (REQUIRED)
MARCH 26 (DAYTIME)	DAY-OF TRACK FINALS (REQUIRED) Location & Times TBA
MARCH 26 (EVENING)	IDEAFUNDING MAIN STAGE SHOWCASE (REQUIRED) Location: THE RIALTO THEATRE, 318 E CONGRESS ST, TUCSON AZ Time: 5:00PM-9:00PM

