



## EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### 2016 Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST)

*Application deadline: January 15, 2016*

Applications for the 2016 GIST Tech-I Competition will be accepted from **December 7, 2015 to January 15, 2016**. Applicants should submit an Executive Summary of their science or technology innovation along with a 90 second video explaining their idea or product/service at [www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i](http://www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i).

The GIST Tech-I Competition is an annual competition for science and technology entrepreneurs from emerging economies worldwide. Aspiring innovators submit their ideas and startups online in an application consisting of an executive summary and promotional video. Their applications are then reviewed by experts and voted on by the global voting public in order to determine the finalists. Up to thirty finalists receive a trip to the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES), this year in Silicon Valley, USA, to showcase their ventures and to receive intensive training. GIST Tech-I winners, selected by experts at the GES, win prizes, and receive one-on-one mentorship and training.

Since 2011, innovators from around the globe have showcased their science and technology ventures to the world through GIST Tech-I Competitions. Not only will finalists gain international visibility from pitching their ideas at GES 2016, but they will also be competing for at least \$70,000 in seed capital.

This year, the competition is seeking proposals from all areas of science and technology innovation such as **agriculture, education, energy, environment, health, and information communication technologies/ICT**.

Now is your turn to participate and share your amazing ideas with the world!

The GIST Tech-I 2016 application opens December 7, 2015! Apply now at [www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i](http://www.gistnetwork.org/tech-i)