



## **FAQ for Patient Innovator Challenge**

**What is the Patient Innovator Challenge?** The KidneyX: Patient Innovator Challenge, funded by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), is a prize competition that challenges individuals, communities, businesses, institutions, and nonprofit organizations, among others, to share their ideas on how to improve therapeutic options and quality of life for people living with kidney disease. The competition seeks solutions in practice and new ideas that people living with kidney disease have developed through their own everyday experiences and ingenuity. Patients and care partners in particular play a critical role in advancing their own best care; the Patient Innovator Challenge will reward their ideas and innovations in this prize competition, which is part of the Kidney Innovation Accelerator (KidneyX) umbrella.

### **What sorts of solutions/new ideas is the Patient Innovator Challenge looking for?**

The Patient Innovator Challenge is looking for ideas on how to improve therapeutic options and quality of life for people living with kidney diseases. This could include ways to improve health and relieve symptoms, ways to make daily life easier, ways to reduce the cost of care, or other approaches entirely. We are asking participants for either/both solutions that they have already developed (which will be considered as Category 1: "Solutions in Practice") and for their ideas for possible solutions (which will be considered as Category 2: "New Ideas"). Submissions will be judged in comparison to the other submissions in their category (i.e., a Category 1 solution will only be compared with other Category 1 solutions, not Category 2 solutions).

**What is KidneyX?** KidneyX, also called the Kidney Innovation Accelerator, is a public-private partnership between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN). Established in April 2018, KidneyX aims to use prize competitions to accelerate the development of innovative solutions that can prevent, diagnose, and/or treat kidney diseases. KidneyX aims to promote collaboration between patients, health professionals, innovators, industry, and government with the ultimate goal of improving quality of life for people living with kidney diseases. KidneyX funds promising innovators through a series of prize competitions to create a sense of urgency to develop new ways to prevent, diagnose, or treat kidney diseases.

**What is NKF's involvement with this new prize?** The KidneyX: Patient Innovator Challenge is funded solely by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). NKF is also involved with selecting reviewers and judges for the competition, jointly with ASN and HHS.

**What is the total prize amount, and how many winners will there be?** Up to 10 winners in Category 1 will receive \$4,000 each and up to 15 winners in Category 2 will receive \$2,000 each. Total funds provided by NKF for this prize is \$70,000



**What should a submission look like?** Submissions for this prize competition should describe their idea/solution in no more than 2 pages, 8.5 x 11-inch page, 10-point font or greater and one-inch margin. In creating your submission, keep in mind the judging criteria (creativity, feasibility for implementation, impact for patients/care partners, and significance of the problem addressed).

**When are submissions due?** Submissions will be accepted from August 1, 2019 through September 16, 2019.

**Who can submit?** Anyone can apply to participate in KidneyX, either as individuals or teams. The KidneyX: Patient Innovator Challenge [prize announcement](#) includes the eligibility rules. KidneyX recognizes that many potential participants may have applicable technologies, concepts, or expertise from domains that have not previously been considered with regards to kidney diseases. One of KidneyX's biggest goals is to bring such technologies and expertise into the kidney space.

**When will winners be announced?** Winners will be notified by January 24, 2020 and they will be announced at a public event in the Spring of 2020.

**Who owns the intellectual property?** Each participant will retain ownership of all intellectual property rights in their submissions and solutions.

**Can I form a team to create a submission?** Yes. All team members (affiliates) should be included as part of the submission process

**Can I submit multiple entries?** Yes, you may submit more than one solution (each solution should be a separate submission).

**Where can I find more information about the contest?** To receive updates on KidneyX, please sign up for an e-mail list on [KidneyX.org](http://KidneyX.org); you can also follow KidneyX on Twitter (@Kidney\_X). You can contact KidneyX via e-mail at [kidneyx@asn-online.org](mailto:kidneyx@asn-online.org).