

# The Heinlein Prize Trust



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## **THE HEINLEIN PRIZE TRUST ANNOUNCES THE "ROBERT A. HEINLEIN FLIGHT INTO THE FUTURE PROJECT CONTEST"**

The Trustees of the Robert A. and Virginia Heinlein Prize Trust are pleased to announce the Robert A. Heinlein Flight into the Future Project Contest.

The "Robert A. Heinlein Flight into the Future Project Contest" is a competition to encourage young international students and researchers in the field of space exploration. The competition will identify, support, and promote innovative projects by these researchers. Winning researchers will receive a cash award, a prize diploma, and international recognition of their work.

Created to honor the memory of renowned American author Robert A. Heinlein, the contest was established to forward the shared dream of a future of humankind expanding ever outward into space. The "Robert A. Heinlein Flight into the Future Project Contest" is being conducted by the Heinlein Prize Trust ([www.heinleinprize.com](http://www.heinleinprize.com)) and assisted by the Russian Aviation and Space Scientific Innovation Educational Complex (RASSIEC). Further information can be found at: [www.heinleincontest.info](http://www.heinleincontest.info).

The competition is open to citizens from European, African, and Middle Eastern nations. Also eligible to enter are students and post-graduate students, regardless of nationality, attending any European, African, or Middle Eastern school. All contest entrants must be less than 30 years old on July 7, 2005. Entries may be submitted by individual authors, or by teams of no more than three authors. Academic advisors may be associated with the development of the contest works.

Contest entries should include scientific, technical, and economic substantiation (business plan) of the proposed project. Entries must describe the peaceful use, and practical applications of the work in the field of space exploration. Entries will be judged by an international team of experts. The entered works will be judged on a basis of the novelty and originality of the proposal, the economic and social benefits, the technological substantiation and profundness of research, and the veracity and investment attractiveness of project.

Entries must be sent by May 14, 2005. Authors of the top ten entries will receive invitations giving them an opportunity to meet directly with the judging committee to discuss and evaluate their projects. Presentation of the top entries will take place on July 6, 2005. Awards will be presented on July 7, 2005, the anniversary of the birth of Robert A. Heinlein.

The first place award has been set at US\$3500. Two second place prize of \$1500, and three third place prizes of \$1000 each will also be awarded. Academic advisors of the winning teams will also receive a special award of \$1500, \$500, and \$300 respectively.

The awards for the "Robert A. Heinlein Flight into the Future Project Contest" will be presented at a yet-to-be-determined European center for space research and industry.

The competition is part of the Heinlein Prize, a substantial cash award created to encourage commercial activity in space. The Heinlein Prize is focused on practical, private commercial advancements that produce substantive results in the area of space enterprise. Future Heinlein Prize Trust winners may, or may not, be dealing directly with space flight advances.

The Heinlein Prize and the "Robert A. Heinlein Flight into the Future Project Contest" honor the memory of Robert A. Heinlein, best-selling American author regarded as one of the founders of modern science fiction, and of his wife Virginia. Both Robert and Virginia Heinlein were strong advocates of human advancement into space through commercial endeavors. The purpose of the Heinlein Prize is to encourage and reward progress in commercial space activities that advances their dream of humanity's future in space.

The Mission Statement of the Heinlein Prize Trust says:

"The legacy of Robert and Virginia Heinlein is the shared dream of a future of humankind expanding ever outward into space—to the Moon, to the planets, out and onward to the stars.

"Space is not to be the realm of the select few. The dream, and the future, belong to us all, of every race and every nation. It is in a child in school today who understands the positive vision of the future of Robert Heinlein. It is the dream of all who see a future bright with possibilities.

"The day will come when we will mine the asteroids and walk the sands of Mars. We'll live and work in space for the benefit of all humanity. We'll have horizons so vast that no one who dreams and strives need be left behind. All of these things we can do, and we shall.

"This bright future will be created by those of you, today, who strive to create advances in commercial space activities."

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