

data.org -- Activate AI: Economic Opportunity Challenge

Foundation Link:

<https://data.org/initiatives/challenges/activate-ai-economic-opportunity-challenge/>

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Submission Limitations per Institution: Multiple distinct entries, without overlap in the scope of the proposal or the project teams. Please refer to the [program rules](#). *Note: Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions will notify challenge@data.org by email if two or more teams plan to submit entries to the challenge on behalf of the University.*

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2025-11-17

Sponsor Full Proposal Deadline: 2026-01-08

Funding Highlights: The Activate AI: Economic Opportunity Challenge is a global call for innovative AI applications that empower people and communities, and that unlock economic opportunity for a resilient future.

With the launch of this challenge, data.org and Zoom are seeking out projects that drive AI workforce development and organizational capacity, develop pathways to create future friendly jobs leveraging data and AI, and build climate resilient communities for a green economy.

Sponsor Notes: The Challenge will award at least five final winners with a combination of grant funding and in-kind support with a combined total value of \$115,000 USD. In-kind support may include, but is not limited to, data science talent, staff training, technical support and consulting, media production, marketing and promotional outreach, and software and infrastructure licenses.

Required Internal Application Materials: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/QPG7cegep2yTi22D7> by the internal deadline.

- **Principal Investigator (PI) Name**
- **Project Title**
- **Names of ND Collaborators**
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- **Project Distinction**
 - Describe in three sentences or fewer what makes your project unique in the research landscape.
- **Project Summary** — A one (1) page summary (maximum), submitted in PDF format.
 - Please address the scope of the project, including all co-PIs, noting that entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Impact, including the advancement of economic opportunity
- Localism
- Responsible Use of AI
- Originality
- Feasibility
- Scalability
- **Biosketch or CV** — A five-page (maximum), submitted in PDF format.

Questions: Please contact Tom Scrace, Ph.D., Director of Foundation Relations, at tscrace@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.