

Call for entries

Robert Howard Next Step Award | Health Technology Innovation



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1. Robert Howard Next Step awards are open to any student, fellow, post-doc, visiting student researcher, faculty member enrolled in a 2022-23 Stanford Biodesign course or program (including recipients of the Biodesign administered internal funding opportunities in 2022-23).
2. Only one entry per individual or team.
3. Applications will be accepted until May 18, 2023.
4. Finalists notified by May 24, 2023. Finalists will present their submission to a selection panel of Stanford faculty and PA Consulting representatives on June 7, 2023.
5. Entries must be submitted through the online application form at the bottom of the flyer..
6. Awardees should plan to accept the award during the Stanford Biodesign Innovation Fellowship graduation celebration on the evening of Monday, June 12.

About PA Consulting

We believe in the power of ingenuity to build a positive human future. As strategies, technologies, and innovation collide, we create opportunity from complexity. Our diverse teams of experts combine innovative thinking and breakthrough technologies to progress further, faster, together. Our clients adapt and transform, and together we achieve enduring results. We are over 4,000 strategists, innovators, designers, consultants, digital experts, scientists, engineers, and technologists. And we have deep expertise in consumer and manufacturing, defence and security, energy and utilities, financial services, government and public services, health and life sciences, and transport.

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Award terms

1. Awardees will receive design and engineering consultation from PA Consulting within one year of receiving the award. The award consists of a design process or regulatory advising session with PA Consulting's team, along with a focused two-week-long "design sprint" in which PA uses its abilities in branding, product design, engineering, or other medical device development to advance the awardees' concept and business to the next level. PA and awardee will jointly determine the focus of the design sprint.
2. Awardees must ensure that novel intellectual property to be developed is protected prior to working with PA Consulting. They will waive rights to intellectual property created during this period.
3. Awardees' names will be featured on award websites and plaques displayed at Stanford Biodesign and at PA Consulting.
4. Awardees will receive an award certificate. Awardees (an awardee team member) must be present at the Stanford Biodesign graduation ceremony, June 12, ~6:00pm, to accept the award.

About Robert

Robert Howard (1962-2011) served as Vice President of Engineering at LUNAR for 15 years. He was a Stanford Alumnus (MSME '86) and served as a lecturer in the Department of Product Design. Robert loved helping people, teaching, tinkering, making the impossible possible, designing healthcare products, and being involved in the Stanford community – in particular the Biodesign program. In 2011, Stanford Biodesign and LUNAR established this memorial award in Robert's name, and PA Consulting has sponsored the award the past two years.

Application link:

 [2023 RHNS Award Application](#)