

"Race to Space" Video Contest Seeks Young Scientists.
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Scientific Morocco Association ('جمعية المغرب العلمي') in partnership with **U.S. Embassy in Rabat** is pleased to announce the launch of the fifth annual Race2Space ('Race to Space') contest, a Moroccan high school science and mathematics contest designed to inspire creative thinking about fundamental concepts in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Moroccan Students between the ages of 15 to 18 are invited to create original videos (up to three minutes '3min0s' in length) that illustrate a concept or theory in STEM. The applications will be pre-selected by a team from Scientific Morocco Association before being judged by an honorable jury composed of scientists and science communicators. The submissions will be judged on the students' ability to communicate complex scientific topic in the most engaging, illuminating and imaginative ways. Details about the selection process can be found here: www.race2space.ma

Unlike the previous editions, this year's competition requires a mandatory experiment, demonstration or a simulation within the video application.

All the eligible students must register at race2space.ma and submit complete applications by **January 19th 2019**.

Reflecting the rigors of the actual academic research, the Race2space contest incorporates an aspect of peer review; each applicant must rate the applications of 5 others.

12 winners will get full-paid scholarships to the world famous Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama for July 2019. In addition to traveling to Space Camp, the 12 winners will also travel to Washington D.C. on an immersion tour, which will include visits to many scientific, cultural and educational sites. All the costs of this unique program are paid by U.S. state department.

"If we are to build a greater appreciation of science in the public consciousness, education is key. We need great scientists, but more importantly great communicators who can unlock the mysteries of nature in ways that amaze us. " said **El Hassan Bouaghad** "Exposure to a topic for the first time allows innovative insights and youth have the ability to communicate with their peers in a way that others can't. That's why 5 years ago together with the U.S. Embassy we established the Race2space contest and we are proud to announce another edition of the contest". - **El Hassan Bouaghad**, V.President of Scientific Morocco and director of the program.

Scientific Morocco Association is run by a team of volunteers covering different areas of expertise. It's aiming to make the basic scientific knowledge more accessible to the general public in Morocco. Our initiative ensures through this program among others that STEM aptitude is not lost due to lack of opportunity. Space Camp provides unique inspirational experiences to talented youth that can help shape their future choices and push them to inspire other kids.

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For more information, including competition rules, go to: www.race2space.ma.

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