

2014 FDA Food Safety Challenge DETAILED SCHEDULE

Call for Submissions – September 17, 2014 (current stage)

Entrants can submit concepts at <http://foodsafetychallenge.com/submit/>.

Submission Deadline – November 9, 2014

The Challenge will stop accepting submissions at 11:59PM EST on Sunday, November 9.

Finalists Announced – January 7, 2015

Up to five finalists will be chosen by a panel of food safety experts to receive \$20,000 and advance to the Field Accelerator phase.

Field Accelerator Phase – January 8–March 5, 2015

Finalists will iterate and improve their concepts with coaching and mentorship from experts in food safety and pathogen testing.

Boot Camp (Washington, DC) – January 29, 2014

Finalists will participate in an in-person boot camp with FDA and external experts focused on design, innovation, and the FDA's testing process to help iterate and strengthen team concepts. Finalist attendance is mandatory.

Demo Day (Washington, DC) – March 5, 2015

Finalists will present their concepts at Demo Day in Washington, DC before a live audience of influencers and advocates in food and food safety from government and the private sector. Finalist attendance is mandatory.

Winner Announced – March 12, 2015

The winner(s) will be announced and grand prize(s) will be awarded.