Map the System 2021
Social Innovation Challenge

Are you ready to change the world?
Tackling global challenges starts with understanding a problem and its wider context. Map the System 2021 is a competition that challenges you to explore the issues that matter to you, think differently about social and environmental change, and share your findings with the world.

- Join a movement that values understanding problems before proposing solutions.
- Develop your systems-level thinking, research, and changemaking skills.
- Receive guidance, coaching, and support via workshops and office hours.
- Gain insight to launch your own social venture or social innovation project.
- Pitch ideas to win cash prizes and a chance to compete in the Global Finals.

Map the System is open to all University of Illinois students.
Apply as an individual or in a team of up to 5 members. At least one participant must be a current Illinois student. Recent alumni, non-students, or students from another institution may join an eligible Illinois team. An Illinois team won 2nd place among 31 finalists in the Map the System 2020 Global Finals and was awarded £3,000 for their project on menstrual inequity in the United States.

Take action: Join the OVAEL Map the System email list.
Sign up here to receive updates about information sessions, workshops, key deadlines, and details about the campus semi-final and global competition.

Do you have questions?
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