

Arm Developer Labs: Innovation Challenge at IECON 2025

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The **Arm Developer Labs Innovation Challenge** is a unique opportunity for students and researchers to take on real-world design projects using Arm-based platforms.

Access the projects here: https://arm-university.github.io/Arm-Developer-Labs/

This challenge is designed to **spark exploration**, **build technical confidence**, and give participants the chance to engage with projects that reflect real industry needs.

Who should get involved?

This challenge is ideal for:

- Undergraduate, master's, PhD students, or post-docs
- Individuals or teams (2–5 members)
- Curious developers eager to engage in hands-on problem-solving

The only prerequisite is that you are attending the IECON Conference from October 14 to 17, 2025, in Madrid.

What will you do?

Participants will:

Select an open-ended project from the Arm Developer Labs collection (projects are available year-round and designed to be started at any time)

- Prototype a working solution independently during the pre-conference phase
- Document their approach, development process, and key results in a short demo video (up to 5 minutes)

Note: The Arm Developer Labs website also lists other hackathons, but these are separate from the IECON 2025 Innovation Challenge. Be sure to select a project from the "Projects" section on the left-hand menu of the Developer Labs site.

Key Dates & Format

- Registration opens: Wednesday 28th May
- **Registration closes:** Thursday 31st July
- 1st round submissions due: July 31st

- Preliminary Results (finalists announced): September 4th
- Final round: during IECON, October 14-17
- **Pre-conference phase:** Work on your project independently and submit your demo package
- Conference phase (in-person at IECON 2025): Finalist teams will be invited to present and demo live in front of a panel of experts

What's in it for you?

- Show your skills in a global forum for industrial electronics
- Build portfolio-ready projects using real Arm tools and hardware
- Win cash prizes:

1st prize: €1,500
2nd prize: €500
3rd prize: €500

- Connect with peers, professionals, and potential employers
- Participants are invited to submit projects directly to Developer Labs after IECON for a chance to be internally referred for relevant positions

How to Join

Register your interest by emailing industry@iecon2025.org