# Sprout: A Design Challenge Application

Welcome to the application for **Sprout: A Design Challenge!**

**We also ask that you please stick to the example answer format as closely as possible where provided.**

The application portal will close and stop accepting further applications once we receive **42 submissions,** or upon reaching April 21st at 11:59 PM ET, whichever comes first. We highly encourage and recommend any teams interested to apply as soon as possible.

Disclaimer: We cannot guarantee any information inputted into this application will remain confidential due to Google's [privacy policy](#).

<span style="color:red">* Indicates required question</span>

## Team Information

1.  **Team Name** <span style="color:red">*</span>

    Tell us your team's name—be fun and creative!
    Team names can be a maximum of 35 characters.

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2.  **Team Members' Names and Age** <span style="color:red">*</span>

    List first and last name with age. Separate each team member's name with a comma.
    *e.g., Jane Smith 18, Gianina Lopez 32, George Lucas 27*

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3. **Team Members' Emails** *

List each team member's name and email and separate by a comma.
*e.g., Jane Smith janesmith@gmail.com, Gianina Lopez glopez@yahoo.com, George Lucas g_lucas@gmail.com*

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4. **Team Members' Location (City, State)** *

If your team is located in more than one city or state, specify by team member and separate by a comma.
*e.g., Jane Smith Dallas, TX, Gianina Lopez, George Lucas Austin, TX*

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5. **Team Members' Phone Numbers (XXX-XXX-XXXX)** *

List each team member's phone number and separate by a comma.

*e.g., Jane Smith XXX-XXX-XXXX, Gianina Lopez  XXX-XXX-XXXX, George Lucas XXX-XXX-XXXX*

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6. **Have any team members participated in a design challenge or hackathon**   *
   **before?**

   *Mark only one oval.*

   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

7. **If yes, please provide which team member(s) participated, the name of the**   *
   **session, and the date of participation. Separate by a comma if necessary.**
   **If no, please write "N/A."**

   *e.g., Jane Smith OpenIDEO Challenge May 4, 2023, George Lucas Hackathon for Good*
   *November 22 - 23, 2022*

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8. **Have any team members participated in any capacity-building events, such**   *
   **as trainings or workshops, related to human-centered design?**

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   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

9. **If yes, please provide which team member(s) participated, the name of the** * **session, and the date of participation. Separate by a comma if necessary. If no, please write "N/A."**

*e.g., Gianina Lopez Human-Centered Service Design Course May - April 2022*

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10. **Have any team members participated as a sub-grantee, prime, or** * **consultant for and/or received any innovation funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services?**

*Mark only one oval.*

⬭ Yes

⬭ No

11. **Team Members' Occupations** *

List each team member's occupation and separate by a comma.
*e.g., Jane Smith Student, Gianina Lopez Design Researcher, George Lucas Social Worker*

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12. **Team Members' Organizations** *

List each team member's organization and separate by a comma. If you are a student or independent consultant, you can list your school or affiliation instead. Teams may be composed of individuals who come from different organizations. *e.g., Jane Smith University of North Texas, Gianina Lopez IDEO, George Lucas Private Practice*

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13. **Where did you learn about this opportunity?** *

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○ Healthy Teen Network Egram

○ OPA Newsletter

○ OPA Project Officer

○ Joint Hub Primer / Info Session

○ Industry Event or Conference

○ Referral from other Innovation Hub

○ Social Media

○ Family, Friend, or Colleague

○ Other: _____

**Designating Point of Contact**

14. **Please identify one team member as the point of contact for communication with the In/Tend Team.** *

List the designated team member's name and email.

*e.g., Jane Smith janesmith@gmail.com*

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15. **Please identify one team member as the fiscal point of contact.** *

List the designated team member's name and email. This person will be responsible for receiving, distributing, and managing funds. This person can be the same person as the point of contact for communication.

*e.g., Jane Smith janesmith@gmail.com*

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**Commitment, Availability, and Accessibility**

16. **Is everyone on the team willing and able to travel to Sprout: A Design Challenge location at the 1871 Innovation Hub in Chicago?** *

To be eligible to participate in Sprout: A Design Challenge, all team members must be willing and able to travel.

**Teams unable to do so will be ineligible to participate and their application will be disqualified.**

*Mark only one oval.*

◯ Yes

◯ No

17. **Is everyone on the team willing and able to fully participate each day of** * **Sprout: A Design Challenge, starting at 2PM on Monday, May 20, and ending at 12PM on Thursday, May 23?**

To be eligible to participate in Sprout: A Design Challenge, all team members must be willing and able to fully participate each day.

**Teams unable to do so will be ineligible to participate and their application will be disqualified.**

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◯ Yes

◯ No

18. **Do any team members have specific accessibility needs or considerations? If so, please describe what accommodations are needed.**

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19. **Do any team members have any dietary restrictions? If so, please list them.**

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**Short Answer Section**

Please answer the following questions in 3,500 characters or fewer (approximately, 700 words or fewer). External links are not allowed; any links included in answers will be disregarded by the Selection Committee.
As you respond, if there are items different across each team member, please describe and tell us more about those differences. Your answers do not have to just describe the team; answers can describe individual members as needed.

20.  **What excites your team about the prospect of participating in Sprout: A**    \*
     **Design Challenge?**

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21. **Briefly introduce each team member using any type of media you would**     \*
    **like (e.g., poetry, collage, pictures, drawings, short videos, etc.). This**
    **response does not have to be written. We want to see your creativity!**

    **Here are some questions for inspiration:**

    *- What communities or populations do you identify with (think of*
    *everything that makes you, you)?*

    *- What motivates you to improve adolescent sexual and reproductive*
    *health?*

    *- What specific skills, perspectives, or resources do you believe you bring to*
    *the team?*

    If you wish to share a written answer, please upload a Word document or PDF.

    Each team can only upload 3 files in total. The maximum file size per file is 1GB.

    Please include your team name and the team member in each file name.

    *e.g., Team InTend - Jane Smith.mov*

    Files submitted:

22. **Describe what has been the most fulfilling project or initiative that you've**     \*
    **done as a team and why.**

23. **How do you plan to foster an inclusive environment within your team?** *

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24. **How does your team ensure effective communication and collaboration?** *

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25. **How do you handle setbacks and failures when working as a team?** *

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**Would you rather your team...**

26. *...lean towards practical and safe ideas, or would you prefer more*      *
    *seemingly impractical and unconventional ideas?*

    *Mark only one oval.*

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    | Safe | ○ | ○ | ○ | Unconventional Ideas |

27. ... *primarily stick to familiar territory, focusing on what's known and proven, or would you prefer to venture into uncharted territory, exploring new possibilities and challenges?* *

*Mark only one oval.*

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| Fam | ◯ | ◯ | ◯ | New possibilities |

28. *...stick to the original plan and see what happens, or would you prefer to be able to pivot in response to changing circumstances?* *

*Mark only one oval.*

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| Stic | ◯ | ◯ | ◯ | Pivot |

29. *...stick to the initial course without changing or adjusting approaches even if the ideas are not yielding results, or would you prefer they be open to changing course and adjusting approaches even if the ideas might not yield results?* *

*Mark only one oval.*

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| Stic | ◯ | ◯ | ◯ | Adjust approach |

30. **What is outstanding about your team that might set you apart from others?** *

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