

Montle Prize 2021: Judging Rubric

Overview

Paul Montle (Class of 1969) created the Montle Prize for Entrepreneurial Achievement to commend outstanding Tufts students who demonstrate entrepreneurial skills. An annual competition, the award helps kick-start future leaders in the business and nonprofit world.

This award is intended for undergraduate students with entrepreneurial mindsets and knowledge of entrepreneurship. This knowledge could be gained by participating in entrepreneurship courses, co-curricular events, competitions, and/or from experience working either individually or in a team on a startup or new venture.

Winners are eligible to receive cash prizes of up to \$15,000. Many winners go on to compete for the \$100k New Ventures Competition later in the academic year.

Recipients of the Montle Prize accept a future commitment to give back to Tufts University.

2020 Montle Prize awards:

1. Senior Award – \$15,000
This award is specifically for a senior who has shown strong personal growth in entrepreneurial mindset and skillset since freshmen year.
2. Most Progress in a New Venture – \$10,000
This award is specifically for an individual who has shown strong progress in an entrepreneurial startup or new venture.
3. Best Demonstration of Grit – \$10,000
Influenced by the book “Grit-The Power and Passion of Perserverance” by Angela Lee Duckworth, this award is specifically for an entrepreneur who has shown grit.

Judging rubric:

Does the student exude entrepreneurial passion and spirit?

Does the student demonstrate mastery of an entrepreneurial skillset acquired through academics, co-curricular activities, working on ventures and more?

Are you impressed with the student's personal contributions and accomplishments in entrepreneurial endeavors - far more than expected for their level of experience?

Are you impressed with how far this student has taken at least one of their ventures from a traction and progress standpoint?

Are you impressed with this student's ability to pivot and adapt through adversity?

Is the student thoughtful about their planned use of the winnings and how they will give back to Tufts in the future?

Anything else that particularly impressed you about this student?