

General

1. Q: Foreign Participants: Can non-US persons and organizations participate?

- A: The D2 prizes are authorized under 15 U.S.C. § 3719 (America Competes). Application and participation is open to individuals who are U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents (Green Card holders), representing only U.S. entities (e.g., companies, academic institutions), and government employees (civilian and military).
- Non-U.S. individuals and organizations may participate as team members but must have a U.S. citizen or permanent resident as the applicant and team representative.

1. Q: When did qualifications open for teams?

A: Qualifications opened on 9/10/2026 they will remain open until 12/1/2026

2. Q: What are the eligibility requirements for a team?

A: Complete eligibility requirements for teams will be posted on the D2 website, when available (<https://www.darpa.mil/research/challenges/D2>). General eligibility terms will be similar to previous DARPA America Competes challenges, and are as follows:

The D2 Sprint is open to all teams and institutions, subject to the caveats below.

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- Non-U.S. individuals and organizations may participate as team members but must have a U.S. citizen or permanent resident as the applicant and team representative.
- All participants under 18 years of age require parental or guardian authorization.
- An individual, organization, or sponsor is not eligible to apply or participate if they are on the Specially Designated Nationals list.
- U.S. Government organizations and FFRDCs may participate in D2 but are not eligible for prizes. To the extent there is a limit on the number of participating teams, the participation by Government organizations will not prevent non-federal entities from participating in the Sprint. Government organizations that plan to participate in the D2 in any manner are encouraged to reach out to DARPA for clarification on these Terms.
- DARPA employees and support contractors, their spouses, dependents, and household members are not eligible to participate.
- Federal employees and contractors acting outside the scope of their employment should consult their ethics official and appropriate management before participating in D2. DARPA reserves the right to disqualify a participant whose actions are deemed to violate the spirit of

the Sprint for any reason, including but not limited to, the violation of relevant laws or regulations in the course of participation in the Sprint.

3. Q: Is there a possibility of being funded to compete?

A: This is a self-funded only sprint, there are no opportunities for DARPA funding to compete.

4. Q: Do we have to compete in both lanes?

A: Yes, teams are required to participate in both tracks.

5. Q: Will we need to submit a single algorithm that can do both lanes?

A: Teams may submit a separate algorithm solution for each lane.

6. Q: Will DARPA facilitate teaming if a competitor cannot address all aspects of a Sprint Lane on their own?

A: Competitors are responsible for assembling a complete team that has technical expertise, capabilities, and facilities to address all requirements. Specific content, communications, networking, and team formation are the sole responsibility of the competitor teams.

7. Q: When will the datasets be made available?

A: Training data will be made available to competitors by the end of October.

8. Q: We are working on algorithm development for another DoD program, does this affect our ability to apply to DTC.

A: No.

9. Q: What datasets will we be using?

A: The D2 Sprint is focused on retrospective use of datasets developed for other programs. As such it will include a variety of different datasets with similar image types but different annotation schemes. It may include the following datasets:

- DARPA Triage Challenge (DTC) Dataset; jointly owned by DARPA and the United States Army Institute of Surgical Research (ISR)
- Automating Documentation (AutoDoc) Dataset; owned and developed by the United States Army Institute of Surgical Research (ISR)
- DARPA Medical Intelligent Network for Evaluation, Readiness, Validation, and Analysis (MINERVA) Dataset; owned by DARPA

10. Q: What do the provided datasets contain? Will all of the datasets be used for scoring?

A: The provided datasets will contain photos and videos of simulated casualties from MASCAL scenarios. Video angles will vary from medic worn to UGV mounted to stationary. Parts of the datasets will contain medic treatments of simulated casualties. DARPA is still deciding which parts of the selected datasets will be used for scoring. It is possible that only 1 or 2 of the multiple datasets will be used for scoring. Qualified teams should check the forum for the latest competition information.

11. Q: Who is responsible for cleaning the data, organizing it into a usable format?

A: Data will be organized and checked for imputing and linkage errors. However, an important part of the Challenge is handling the inherently messy aspects of physiological data recorded in real or simulated trauma settings. While some portions of the datasets may have annotations, much of the dataset will not be annotated or may have differing annotation with a data library attached with directions for label transfer.

12. Q: Can we use outside Gov't equipment (e.g., furnished by a finished program)?

A: There is nothing explicit in a challenge that would prevent this. Rules for use of equipment acquired for other contracts would depend on that contract.

13. Q: Which algorithmic approach is more likely to succeed?

A: DARPA will not comment on specific approaches or technologies.

14. Q: What will the virtual track of the Primary triage consist of? Will it be another data driven event or will there be some simulation of the collection of data (e.g., robotic autonomy, etc.)?

A: Additional details related to Primary triage virtual competition (Track C) will be released closer to kick-off.

15. Q: Is all data provided by DARPA or we will have chance to do some data generation?

A: Competitors may use additional data to train their models. Team collected data can include data collected on manikins, synthetic data or virtual environments. Teams are prohibited from the collection or use of any other human subject data as part of their involvement in the D2 because DARPA HSR supervision is not feasible for teams not under DARPA contract.