



LEARNING ACROSS BORDERS GUIDE BOOK

Introduction

Learning Across Borders (LAB) is an educational nonprofit culminating in an annual Global LAB focused on students and educators from various countries in the Asia-Pacific region. At LAB, we are focused on promoting four thematic principles: environmental science, project-based and place-based learning, student leadership, and cross-cultural navigation. Through this program, we foster a network of like-minded educators to build student-centered, holistic, and hands-on educational systems and provide meaningful opportunities to inspire students to become the drivers of their own learning and success.

Background

LAB is led by a pair of co-founders from Hawaii with experience in education and social impact and deep commitment to the Asia-Pacific region. They have operated educational programs in multiple countries across Asia including Cambodia, China, and Vietnam. LAB is a registered-LLC based in Hawaii, USA under the fiscal sponsorship of the nonprofit Youth Service Hawaii.

Structure

There are two age divisions in the program: Junior (grades 5-8, around ages 10-14) and Senior (grades 9-12, around ages 15-18). Teams will be registered in the division of the older student. To participate in LAB, a team must be guided by a mentor and may consist of 1 or 2 students.

Global LAB

Qualified teams from the preliminary LAB rounds will be invited to the Global LAB. Participants in the Global LAB will receive certificates, medals, and the experience of a lifetime!

Special certificates and awards are presented to a select number of teams and their mentors for the following categories: Best Project Theme, Best Quality of Data and Analysis, Best Presentation and Responses, Best Impact of Research, and Best Overall Approach.

Exceptional teams may also win the Audience Award, Best Place-Based Award, and the Chairman's Award.

For more information on the judging process, please read **the LAB Rule Book**.





The LAB Guide Book

Step-by-Step

1. Get in touch with LAB

Email us at info@thelabprogram.org and visit our website (thelabprogram.org) and Facebook site (@thelabprogramcommunity) to learn more about LAB to find videos about past LAB participants and projects. We can also share with you some exceptional LAB projects and potentially connect you with other teachers from your country who have participated in LAB.



2. Form a LAB project team

Once you have a better understanding of LAB and what a LAB project is, identify students who may be interested in being a part of LAB. Read the **Annual Theme Document** to understand this year's theme and encourage your students to follow the steps to identify a project theme and begin their research.



3. Participate in a Regional LAB

To qualify for the Global LAB, all teams must participate in some form of a regional LAB. In some countries, we host LAB national rounds where teams must present their projects to a group of judges. Some of our participating schools also have school-level rounds to identify which students and teams can participate. If there is not a LAB national round in your country, you must submit a video of your student's project presentation which LAB will review and provide feedback for. **All LAB national rounds and video submissions will occur between April and May.** Some LAB national rounds may have a different evaluation process than that listed in the Rule Book, which is specific to the Global LAB.



4. Join us at the Global LAB

If you have been invited to join the Global LAB, congratulations! **The Global LAB takes place in mid-July** with teams of students and mentors from across the Asia-Pacific coming together for the event. In addition to presenting their projects to judges, students will also be able to share their findings with other students and teachers as well as local schools. The Global LAB also includes excursions to important cultural and environmental sites in the host city. This is truly the experience of a lifetime!

