

Qualcomm Announces Shortlisted Teams for the Qualcomm Vietnam Innovation Challenge 2026

Twenty-Eight innovative startups selected to participate in a 6-month incubation program with a chance to win \$255,000 in cash prizes

HANOI, VIETNAM, April 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Qualcomm Technologies, Inc., a subsidiary of Qualcomm Incorporated, announced the shortlisted companies for the [Qualcomm Vietnam Innovation Challenge 2026 \(QVIC\)](#) program on March 30, 2026. Twenty-Eight hi-tech teams specializing in industry sectors such as Smart cities, Internet of Things (IoT), Robotics/ Drones, Healthcare, AgriTech, and more, have been selected into the program. They will receive a program grant, technical support (especially in AI and data analytics), business coaching, intellectual property training and patent incentives to further develop their proposals during an initial 3-month incubation period. Fifteen of the twenty-eight startups will advance to a three-month acceleration phase with additional technical support and patent-filing incentives, culminating in a chance to win prizes totaling USD 255,000 at a finale event to be held in August 2026.

The selection of shortlisted companies was based on various criteria, including their technical capabilities, innovative products, patentable technologies, and relevance to Vietnam's digital transformation and Industry 4.0.

“The Department of Startup and Technology Enterprises (NATEC) highly appreciates the



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AIZ Nguyen Hoang Vu CEO & Co-founder Comprehensive AI enterprise platform for unified data, digital workflow, and intelligent process automation	ANTAJA Kieu Hieu Thu Founder QUNX™ – A verifiable blockchain-passport platform enabling the low-duplicate economy with on-level RTN and ultra-reliable connectivity	BRAIN-LIFE Chi Thanh Vi CEO & Co-founder AI-powered neurotech wearables that enhance focus, cognition, and mental resilience	FILLSONIC Nguyen Cong Tuan Co-founder & Chairman Adaptive multi-speaker audio that preserves signal integrity and coordinates roles at the edge	FINIZI.AI Trung Huynh Founder & CEO An AI-driven financial and accounting platform that automates tax compliance and financial management
FIZIBOX Duyan Tran Founder & CEO Proactive visual fire sensors powered by Edge AI & VNA	FPT SEMICONDUCTOR Nguyen Vinh Ha Product Manager A touchless biometric payment solution for fast and secure monetary transactions	FUTURE SPACE TECHNOLOGY Huynh Hieu Nhan CEO OmniEye is vision module empowering drones with spatial awareness and safety navigation	HEALTHBRIDGE AI Minh Nguyen Founder & CEO Smarter care, less paperwork - built by doctors, for doctors	HITEK Tran Anh Khai Founder & CEO Swarm drone technology for diverse use cases

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MEDCAT Thanh Nguyen Co-Founder & CPO MedCAT DUIS - A Vietnamese sovereign AI platform using its house VLM to turn unstructured documents into trusted structured data	NAISCORP ROBOTICS Tai Nguyen CEO & Founder Edge-AI home companion robot for global senior care	NHA TRANG HITECH Cao Nguyen Nhat Tien COO Intelligent cold chain management - from factory to consumer	OLOGN TECHNOLOGY Hai Duong CEO & Co-Founder NWHI - Universal AI intelligence for industrial and emergency safety	TENSOR Nguyen Minh Tri CEO Powering sustainable poultry with AI-driven sensing solution
UDATA Nguyen Hoan Lam CEO & Co-Founder AI-driven technical support (troubleshooting and operational intelligence)	VEEP Nguyen Bach Viet CEO & Founder A cloud-based AIoT-powered energy management solution to cut down 30% of building energy waste	VIZION Thanh Tran Founder & Chairman AI-powered smart retail solution for stores & warehouses	VOLTERRA To Lang Founder & CEO Full-stack software-as-a-service solutions for EV charging infrastructure	VORIA SOLUTION Nguyen Xuan Hien CEO & Co-Founder A secure & advanced AIoT platform for remote patient monitoring and telehealth

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Qualcomm Vietnam Innovation Challenge (QVIC) initiative by Qualcomm in supporting Vietnam's innovation and startup ecosystem. The expansion of QVIC 2026 from 10 to 28 supported startups and research projects demonstrates Qualcomm's strong commitment to accompanying Vietnamese startups and researchers in developing pioneering technological solutions. DSTE believes that the program will continue to create opportunities for startups and research teams in Vietnam to develop valuable technology solutions, contributing positively to the national goal of fostering economic development based on science, technology, and innovation."



"Vietnam continues to be a strategic hub for cultivating breakthrough innovation, and its startups, SMEs, and research teams are central to driving the country's digital transformation and economic momentum," said Nam Thieu, Country General Director, Qualcomm Vietnam Company Limited. "With the 2026 Qualcomm Vietnam Innovation Challenge expanding from 10 to 28 teams, we are significantly scaling our support for Vietnam's next generation of innovators. This year's cohort brings exceptional strength in critical technology domains - including AI, robotics, data center advancement, IoT, and smart city solutions - areas that will define Vietnam's future competitiveness.

During the incubation period, the shortlisted companies will receive support, including business and technical guidance, access to Qualcomm Vietnam's R&D lab in Hanoi, and problem-solving assistance from local teams. The lab capabilities include ML/AI enablement, camera lab, audio lab, RF chamber, thermal, and modem troubleshooting.

"What stands out in this QVIC cohort is the continuum of innovation, from university-incubated to industry-driven startups, all converging on real-world deployment," said Sudepto Roy, Vice President, Engineering, Qualcomm Incorporated. "These teams are moving beyond isolated AI models to end-to-end workflows and agentic AI systems that can sense, decide, and act under practical constraints. That shift demands disciplined engineering choices across edge compute, power, sensing, and inference efficiency. Qualcomm's role is to help translate this technical ambition into scalable platforms, where deep-tech innovation and intellectual property compound over a startup's growth cycle."

The finale of the challenge, where the top five finalists will be selected by a panel of industry leaders, will be held in August 2026. The top five teams will compete for cash prizes totaling US\$255,000, with the first-place winner receiving US\$100,000, the second-place winner receiving

US\$75,000, the third-place winner receiving US\$50,000 and two additional prizes of US\$15,000 each for innovative research.

Launched in December 2019, QVIC has nurtured fifty innovative Vietnamese startups in advanced technology areas. With the support of Vietnam's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), the program aims to foster the development of Vietnam's growing technology ecosystem by identifying and nurturing innovative small- and medium-sized companies that design products utilizing 5G, IoT, AI, smart cities, wearable devices, and multimedia technologies from Qualcomm. Cumulatively, these startups have filed over 150 patents to protect their inventions.

In conjunction with QVIC, Qualcomm has also launched a free, online learning program (hosted at <https://www.L2ProVietnam.com>), designed to equip startups, SMEs, and researchers with the skills to protect, commercialize, and scale their intellectual property (IP). By strengthening IP literacy and practical know-how, it aims to unlock economic value and support a more robust national innovation ecosystem.

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