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Description:

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We received almost 200 applications to participate in this year's YEi program. These candidates went through two selection processes to determine this year's laureates. The first selection committee convened in Cambridge, MA, on August 6th and narrowed the field down to 27 finalists. The second round consisted of a video pitch and interview session between the finalists and our judges on September 9th and 10th. After two days of great interviews and discussions, the selection committee placed their votes for the YEi laureates. **12 companies have been chosen to participate in this year's YEi Program.**

The 2014 Laureates are:

- ▶ [eGenesis](#) Boston, MA: "eGenesis tries to harness advances in genome engineering and stem cell technologies to create transplantable tissues to provide robust and potentially curative treatments for damaged or diseased organs."
- ▶ [Fiverun](#) San Francisco, CA: "Fiverun is the leading cloud-based Enterprise Retail Platform."
- ▶ [Pathmaker Neurosystems](#) Boston, MA: "Pathmaker is a neuromodulation company applying leading-edge non-invasive neuromodulation technology to the treatment of patients with paralysis, muscle weakness, and neuromotor disorders."
- ▶ [Qwalytics](#) San Francisco, CA: "Qwalytics is an intuitive cloud analytics solution that lets business users explore their company data by asking questions in normal English."
- ▶ [SiNode Systems](#) Chicago, IL: "SiNode Systems is a Chicago-based venture developing advanced materials for the next generation of lithium-ion batteries."
- ▶ [Symic Biomedical](#) San Francisco, CA: "Symic Biomedical is developing a novel class of compounds that target the extracellular matrix, and have numerous acute and chronic clinical applications."
- ▶ [Voxy](#) New York, NY: "Voxy is a personalized and adaptive English language learning platform that teaches learners worldwide, across any device."
- ▶ [Effortless Energy](#) Chicago, IL: "Effortless Energy makes home energy efficiency the no-brainer it ought to be."
- ▶ [NBD Nanotechnologies](#) Boston, MA: "NBD Nano is an advanced materials company developing surface coatings that offer superior performance in heat transfer and anti-wetting."
- ▶ [TerraVerdae BioWorks](#) Beverly, MA: "TerraVerdae BioWorks is an innovative green materials company dedicated to the development of sustainable products."
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[Kedzoh](#) Palo Alto, CA: "Kedzoh is the world's leading mobile learning solution."