ASTRAL RADIO JOURNALISM CHALLENGE

What is the Astral Radio Journalism Challenge?
It is a great opportunity for you to showcase your skills in radiobroadcast and journalism while competing for fantastic prizes and networking opportunities.

Who can take part in the Challenge?
All full-time students registered in an undergraduate program at the Department of Communication at the University of Ottawa, who have a minimum CGPA of 6.0 and have completed at least 30 credits in his/her program.

You can participate in the Challenge individually or as a team. Please note that if you participate as a team, each member of the team must meet each requirement stated above. If one or more of the members do not meet all the requirements, the team will be disqualified.

How do I apply for the Challenge?
Each contestant / team must submit the following by January 30 to the Department of Communication:

- a copy of the each contestant’s transcript; and
- a detailed written plan for a radio segment. The plan must answer to the following criteria:
  a. no more than 15 minutes of content;
  b. in the style of a morning show;
  c. must include a news bulletin (max. 5 minutes);
  d. must include an interview; and
  e. must include two songs of the easy rock style.

The top three contestants/teams will be selected by the Department of Communication.

The top three will be invited to produce their radio segment in the University of Ottawa communications laboratories. In preparation for this, each contestant/team will be tutored by members of CHUO FM 89.1 on how to prepare and produce a radio segment (optional).

Each top three contestant/team will have a maximum of five hours of tutoring and two hours to produce their radio segment.
The radio segments will then be submitted to a selection committee, which will include representatives from Astral. The segments will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

- quality and pertinence of the information;
- structure of the show; and
- presentation and talent of the speakers

The Astral Radio Journalism Challenge winner or winning team will receive $6,000, and have his segment broadcasted on CHUO FM 89.1.

The runner-up will receive $4,000 and the second runner-up will receive $2,000. In addition, all top three contestants/teams will have the opportunity to meet representatives of Astral.

For more information, please contact the Department of Communication.